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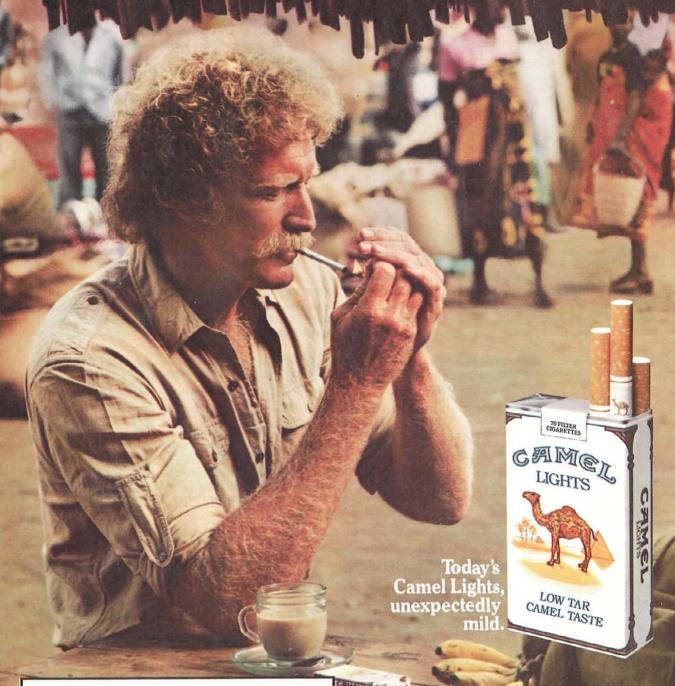


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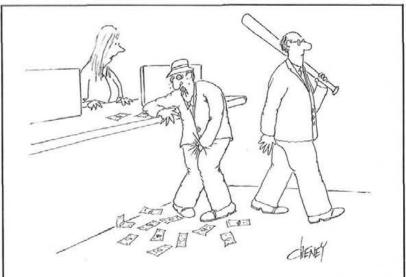
The NatLamp Trickle-Down Theory

uch has been made of the administration's "trickledown" theory. The president has said that he considers it an ingenious strategy that will enrich the country and put two Hondas in every garage. His former budget administrator, David Stockman, called it unworkable and said that if you cut people's taxes and increase the federal budget you will create a huge deficit.

Sounds to me like Stockman is simply a bad sport and a pain in the ass. We here at NatLamp not only like the president's plan but feel that Jack Kemp, the former Buffalo Bill quarterback who "quarterbacked" (get it) that plan through Congress, deserves an awful lot of credit for engineering this scheme, and that's what we hope he gets-an awful lot.

So, in light of our enthusiasm for this theory and because this is an issue about money and high finance, we have come up with National Lampoon's very own "trickle-down" strategy.* But you must cooperate.

*For a more detailed and explicit explanation of the "trickle-down" theory, see Professor Irwin Corey's lecture on this subject in this issue.



"Gosh, Mr. Birnbaum, I thought you knew about our penalty for early withdrawal."

There are about three million people in America alone who will read this issue. People in and from other countries who read it can adopt this plan or ignore it depending on the particular continued on page 18

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Introducing the new National Lampoon's Vacation Sweatshirt. On the left is the sweatshirt in precisely the same design as the enormously popular Vacation T-shirt. On the right is the new "Walley World" Sweatshirt as worn by the Griswalds in National Lampoon's European Vacation.

The demand for both these products has been unprecedented. Twenty million people in the United States and Canada saw National Lampoon's European Vacation in theaters, and we got more inquiries about the sweatshirts worn by "Clark" and "Rusty" in that picture than for any other such product in the sixteen-year history of our magazine and movies.



Now both shirts are available in dazzling white with full-color illustrations on the front. On the back it says National Lampoon's Vacation. (What were

you expecting-E.T.?) Also, still available and still selling ridiculously well are the other movie T-shirts shown on this page.



National Lampoon's Vacation T-shirt or



National Lampoon's **Animal House** T-shirt



National Lampoon's Animal House **Baseball Shirt**









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Sirs:

In answer to your query, a food server cannot transmit AIDS via food—unless the food server has had sex with the food within the last five years.

Surgeon General Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

At first I thought about joining the Moonies, then the Scientologists, and even the Hare Krishna. But in the end I decided on joining Rajneesh's cult so I could get laid every day.

Raja Bloomstein Antelope, Oreg. Sirs:

We helped guide the *Columbia* space shuttle through outer space. We stand at the forefront of satellite communications, beaming cable networks to all corners of the globe. In medicine, our researchers have broken new barriers in transplant technology, with artificial kidneys, livers, and spleens nearly ready for market. And for the home, we've produced a plastic that's ten times stronger than steel, yet lighter than aluminum. We're Bazooka Bubble Gum, and the future is one bubble we're proud to blow.

Bazooka Joe Bazooka Industries Terre Haute, Ind. Sirs

As you know, I just recently licked the "Big C," and I'm rarin' to go again. But due to doctor's orders, I am on a restricted schedule. So, this fall look for the debut of my new show, *Mild Kingdom*. You'll love the thrill-packed segment where our cameras visit an ant farm in a rec room in Scarsdale. Stay tuned.

Marlin Perkins Sloan-Kettering

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Sirs:

Loved that picture of Teresa Ganzel on the cover of the January *National Lampoon*. Promise me that you will put only beautiful girls with large breasts on the covers of the magazine. I bet anything that issues with covers with beautiful girls with large breasts sell better than issues with covers without beautiful girls with large breasts. Keep up the good work!

> George Agoglia Publisher National Lampoon

Sirs:

We won't say this to his face, but somebody better get rid of the moldy rotten leftovers inside the refrigerator, 'cause they are stinking up the whole locker room.

> The Rest of the Chicago Bears Football Team Chicago, Ill.

Sirs:

You wanna know something else interesting about the refrigerator? When you open up his pants, he lights up.

> Mrs. Refrigerator Coolsville



"Hey, Marlene, be a doll and stick this zucchini in your ass and show Ned your Jimmy Durante imitation."

Sirs:

I am thinking of hiring a William Martin as a member of the United States peace negotiating team. Mr. Martin says that he is a former baseball executive, an actor in beer commercials, and a war correspondent for the National Lampoon. Please confirm. Your comments will be kept strictly confidential.

George Shultz Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Don't believe all that PR. I think New Jersey is a real pisshole.

> Bruce Springsteen On the Road So I Can Stay Out Of Jersey

Sirs:

With proper care and respect, a good styptic pencil should last the average man a lifetime. I, however, go through one each month.

> Charles Bronson Shaving Nick, Ariz.

Sirs:

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S. Ray Vaughn Stolen Riff Ridge, Tex.

Sirs:

Well, it certainly isn't my fault.
San Andreas
Mexico City, Mexico

Sirs

Tinker Bell is very sick, but you and your readers out there can help! If you believe in fairies, just do as I do and bend over and grab your ankles and repeat after me: "I do believe in fairies, I do believe in fairies, I do believe... gnnnnghn!"

Thanks, sailors.

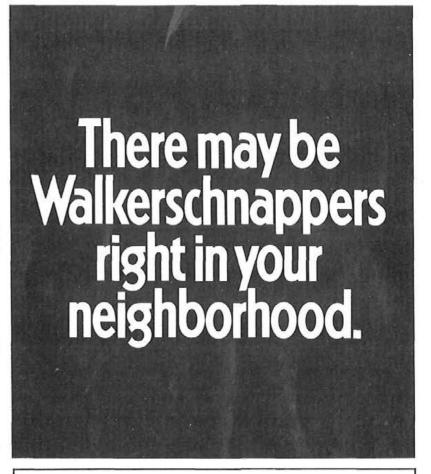
Peter Pan Fire Island, N.Y.

Sirs:

The difference between a goat and an analinguist?

One butts heads, while the other heads butts!

Edwin Newman New York, N.Y.





Letters

Sirs:

Ain't that America, land of the free, Little pink boses for you and for me. John Cougar Enemacamp Brown County, Ind. Sirs:

Sirs:

ican dream?

We built this city on Rolling Rock! Barship Latrobe, Pa.

What's wrong with taking my son into

Johnnie Walker Red, Jr.

Incustody, U.S.A.

the family business? Isn't that the Amer-

Sirs:

week.

What's British, flies with the aid of an umbrella, and shits on housetops? Give up? Mary Ploppins!

I have a question about New York

State unemployment benefits. Would I be entitled to the maximum compensation? I am currently making \$60,000 a

Margaret Thatched Roof London, England

Third office in the rear

Lorne Michaels NBC Headquarters Rockefeller Center Seventeenth floor

Sirs

In beaven there are no queers,

A Bunch of Queers Here

Sirs:

Ah don't mind it when johnsons wax; it's when johnsons wane that Ah gets upset.

Daisy Wheel Atlanta, Ga.

Sirs:

It's high time they declared a Church holy day for the patron saint of wimps, St. Francis of a Sissy.

> Bud Vase San Francisco, Calif.

Sirs:

According to modern sexual etiquette, eating a cherry is quite proper, but spitting out seed is altogether unacceptable.

Ms. Manners Malibu Beach, Calif.

Sirs:

I think of myself not as being dead, but rather as pushing up pansies.

Truman Capote *Heaven* Sirs:

Have you seen the new Saturday Night Live? Boy, is it ever great. Now that's what I call comedy. And how about that cast? And talk about writers, they are just too good for words. TV sure is looking up.

> Anonymous NBC Headquarters Rockefeller Center Seventeenth floor Third office in the rear

"By the way, your sister stopped by."

Sirs:

I'm sick and tired of no-talents like Stallone and Schwarzenegger and Norris getting all the publicity. If you want macho, I'll give you macho! My next film, which will be shot in New York in black and white, will take place in the furniture department at Macy's. I play a physical education major at Vassar who is working at Macy's until his appointment to the Hell's Angels comes through. Without warning the store is invaded by Swiss terrorists who threaten to destroy the entire department if Macy's doesn't discontinue the sale of all American chocolates and stock only Swiss chocolates in its Party Department. Mia Farrow plays the leader of the Swiss hooligans. I am tied to a Kennedy rocker and continually rocked through the first two-thirds of the movie, during which time we do flashbacks to my years in grade school.

Finally I get mad, break my bonds, and smash Farrow in the breasts with a Louis XIV side chair. She shakes it off and, picking up a set of Wedgwood china, slings six plates and a creamer against my groin. I am unhurt. I retaliate by breaking a Picasso print across her rear end. After about a half hour of this, the entire floor is devastated and we discover that we have actually fallen in love.

We slip out of the store through the fire exit and go to Grossinger's in the Catskills, where I meet her mother and father, who are played by Mariel Hemingway and Tony Roberts.

Suddenly the Macy's Secret Police, who have trailed us, surround the hotel. Mia has the only weapon, a Swiss army knife. We take it, open a can of some nonkosher food, dine, and then go to our rooms and live happily ever after, Mariel with Mia and me with Tony.

Is that macho enough for you?

Woody Allen Carnegie Deli, NYC Sirs:

Please help us: enemies of our cause have accused us of transporting young female dolphins across state lines for immoral porpoises.

> Jacques Cousteau c/o Davy Jones's Locker

Sirs:

Lafayette, we are queer.

General Pink Jack Pershing 69th Mounted Sidesaddle Division U.S. Exhibitionary Forces

Sirs:

Please cancel my subscription, as I may be dead.

George Plimpton New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Please start my subscription up again, as I was only sleeping before.

> George Plimpton New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Please cancel George Plimpton's subscription, as we think he may be dead. 1,000 Friends of George Plimpton Around the World

Sirs

Was I really that funny, or were the rest of them just bad?

Billy Crystal Newark, N.J.

Sirs:

We saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus, Underneath the mistletoe in the library of Bleak House.

> Charles and Little Jimmy Dickens Gone and Forgotten, Respectively

Sirs:

I really think you people are rotten. I really don't like your comments about Bob Woodward, who is to journalism what Willie Sutton was to banking. Bob Woodward is a fucking genius, and you guys are jealous because you didn't write a book that sold a zillion copies and was kinda slapped together from hearsay and whispers and secondhand gossip and made you a fortune. All you guys do is pick on people, and I really think you're rotten. And frankly I really think you ought to apologize to Bob Woodward before he comes out with his next book. If, as you said, it's about Mother Teresa, then I know that it'll be the same fascinating stuff that he did on the Belushi book. I really think so.

Bobbie Ann Woodward Washington, D.C.

P.S. I am not related in any way to Bob, my brother.

Your office could be crawling with Walkerschnappers.



"Okay, so you're a pull toy. That's cute, real cute. Now put on your costume or we'll be late for the party."

Letters

Dear Imperialist Capitalist Swine Sirs:

We of the Dickbone December 25 Democratic Free People's Liberation Party Front, formerly known as the Socialist Dirtbag Sand Fucker Fascistic Young Men's Islamic White South African Killers Ocean View 2 BR FPLC LR DR Dinette Front, do hereby seize and hold hostage your column of letters, until such time as our brother Sirhan Sirhan is paroled, or you provide us with an independent homeland in the Meadowlands of what you now call New Jersey, or you come up with a better name for our organization. This will be our first and last communication. If you do not respond immediately we will begin killing your letters one by onc.

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Sirs

I think your magazine is the greatest thing since the Marx Broth...arrrghaagagahagaaha...



Sirs

I would like to comment on your Mad As Hell issue. I thought that the...wait a minute...I think there's someone at the door...arrgrgrrrrgrgrgrgrgrgrhhhha... Sirs:

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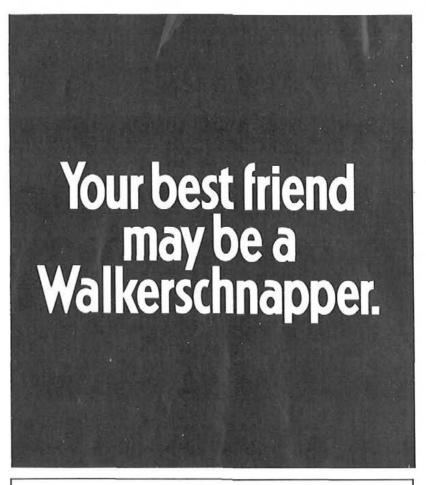
So you thought we were kidding, but as you now see, we do not make empty threats. Three have died already. How much more American ink must be spilled before our demands are met?

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To the Dickbone December 25 Democratic Free People's Liberation Party Front, formerly known as the Socialist Dirtbag Sand Fucker Fascistic Young Men's Islamic White South African Killers Ocean View 2 BR FPLC LR DR Dinette Front:

Let me unequivocally state the National Lampoon's policy toward terrorism against the letters column. We have not in the past and we will not in the future ever negotiate with any group that attempts to circumvent the time-honored democratic process. Negotiating with terrorists is a sign of weakness. If we bargain with our letters column, then what? An action against the Photo Phunnies? Would you then hijack the features? And then, God forbid, launch an assault on the ads? NO! Three dead letters is a small price to pay for freedom of speech.

Matty Simons Editor in Chief National Lampoon







Edited by John Bendel

In Madison, Minnesota, a two-hundred-pound, eight-point buck deer attacked a four-hundred-pound cement deer in front of a farmhouse. The horns of the real deer became entangled with those of the life-size, decorative deer, which then fell off its pedestal. The cement deer broke the real deer's neck in the fall. Seattle Times (contributed by Gary R. Reeves)

This story appeared in the Red Deer (Alberta) Advocate:

"Salzburg, Austria— Tension between Italian opera director Piero Faggioni and Salzburg Festival official Otto Sertl dissolved in face slapping at rehearsals of Guiseppe Verdi's opera Macbeth.

"Sources said that Faggioni twice slapped the face of the Austrian official, but festival spokesman Hans Widrich said it was not clear whether Sertl paid back 'in kind."

"Some said tensions grew because Sertl wanted Faggioni to lessen the amount of artificial fog in one scene. Others said Faggioni was mad because Sertl had not approved the use of topless witches in the opera." (contributed by Cliff Rickard)

New York State authorities charged a dating service with fraud for overcharging clients and setting up incompatible dates. According to the (New York) Daily News, a former employee of the firm, Matchmaker International, told investigators that he had been instructed "to sign up a paraplegic for a \$500 fee." He also signed up a man who had just been freed from an insane asylum and a "fivefoot-two woman whose overweight condition caused



her to be very unattractive."

In addition, the Albanybased firm "allegedly matched an elderly woman with a transvestite and referred a man with 'athletic interests' to a wheelchairbound polio victim." (contributed by Carmen Tadeo)

This item appeared in the (Regina, Saskatchewan) Leader Post:

"A woman racing down a hill on a wheelbed to raise money for muscular dystrophy patients was paralyzed after the bed crashed into an electric light pole, Annapolis, Maryland police said Monday.

"Carolyn Pike, thirty-eight, crashed at a bend on the city's steepest street when men pushing the bed lost control of it." (contributed by D. Greg Kahan)

Seven former students of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi have charged the onetime guru of the Beatles with fraud because he failed to teach them to fly. The former students claim they attended the Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa, to learn what were described as "extraordinary powers such as clairvoyance or the ability to fly." According to their suit, "flying" consisted of hopping with the legs folded in the lotus position. (contributed by Herm Albright)

Meanwhile, at the Locomotive Hotel in Sydney, Australia, a group of men managed to levitate one Kevin Pacey in the back of the hotel bar. According to the Adelaide Advertiser, "Mr. Pacey sat in a chair. Four men touched hands over his head before each put a finger under his shoulder blades and behind his knees. 'He went up like he had a forklift under him,' said one participant. 'It was incredible? "



However, Mr. Pacey levitated so far off the floor that he was hit in the head three times by the bar's ceiling fan. Mr. Pacey is suing the Locomotive Hotel over the head wounds, which required nineteen stitches to close. (contributed by Ian James)

In a letter to the editors of Time, Charles R. Harris, executive director of the American Mushroom Institute, objected to the cover shot of a mushroom cloud on the fortieth anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. Mr. Harris wrote: "This comes at a time when the American Mushroom Institute is beginning a campaign to increase the consumption of mushrooms from 2.8 pounds per capita to a much higher level." (contributed by Joe Forbes)

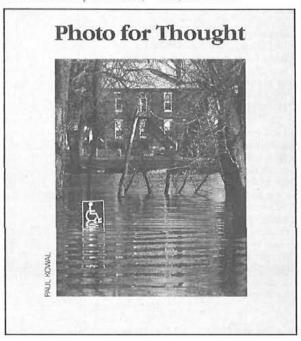
According to an article in the London magazine Executive Travel, one businessman reported that when a domestic Nigeria Airways flight turned out to be overbooked by three seats,



Nigerian officials "asked the passengers to run twice around the plane, with the fastest qualifying for seats." Stars and Stripes (contributed by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Matthews)

During a Dublin, Ireland, performance of the operetta Pinafore, actor Alan Devlin suddenly stopped as he was singing "I Am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee." The orchestra stopped also, and the audience heard Devlin mutter, "Oh, dash this, I'm going home." Devlin then climbed off the stage and walked out of the theater, taking off his admiral's uniform as he went. Devlin later said he was considering some other field of work. San Francisco Chronicle (contributed by J. R. Leonard)

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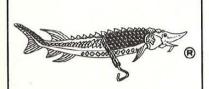


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machinations of the government running the country they live in. For
example, if you live in Albania—don't
fuck around!

Okay, here's the plan. And note how remarkably simple it is. Three million people read this magazine. All of them have at least one credit card. Immediately take the card out and buy anything and everything you can. We know that there are limits on the amount of each individual purchase, so try to buy relatively low-priced items but a lot of them over a very short period of time.

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A barrel of imported Beluga Caviar weighs 200 lbs. So the eggs on the bottom are partially crushed. If we didn't stir before packing, some customers would get imperfect Beluga.

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Okay, here's how.

Store owners are now \$60 billion richer (it looks good that way, too), so they break off a couple of billion and raise workers' salaries. Half of the sixty goes to the manufacturers, who in turn pass out increases and bonuses to the people on the production lines. Because of this sudden rush of orders, production is increased.

Manufacturers buy more raw materials, enriching miners, lumberjacks, shepherds, the people in Silicon Valley who make those wonderful little gadgets that do so many wonderful things, and many others.

Those people pass more money on to their families, who buy more groceries, more humor magazines, go bowling more often, and even buy more grass (every aspect of this has been carefully thought out).

What we've got here is a raging prosperity. And it's all trickling down.

But, you ask, how will the three million *National Lampoon* readers who created this windfall pay to the credit card companies the sixty billion dollars they have charged over this two- or three-day period? The answer has been thought out and is simple.

They won't.

There aren't enough courts in the United States to handle sixty billion dollars' worth of complaints against three million people. The government will have to legislate special laws so that everyone will go scot-free (whatever that means).

Now we have created an enormous prosperity. People are making more money, spending more, and owning more than ever before, and it all started with you.

Okay, we can't let the banks and the credit card companies go under, so what do we do?

We float a huge bond issue so that our kids and our grandchildren and their kids can pay for everything. And we don't even have to worry about it because we'll be dead by the time the bonds come due. The kids will be up the creek...but...

Fuck them! Meanwhile, we'll have it great.

And that's what trickle-down is all about.

-Matty Simmons

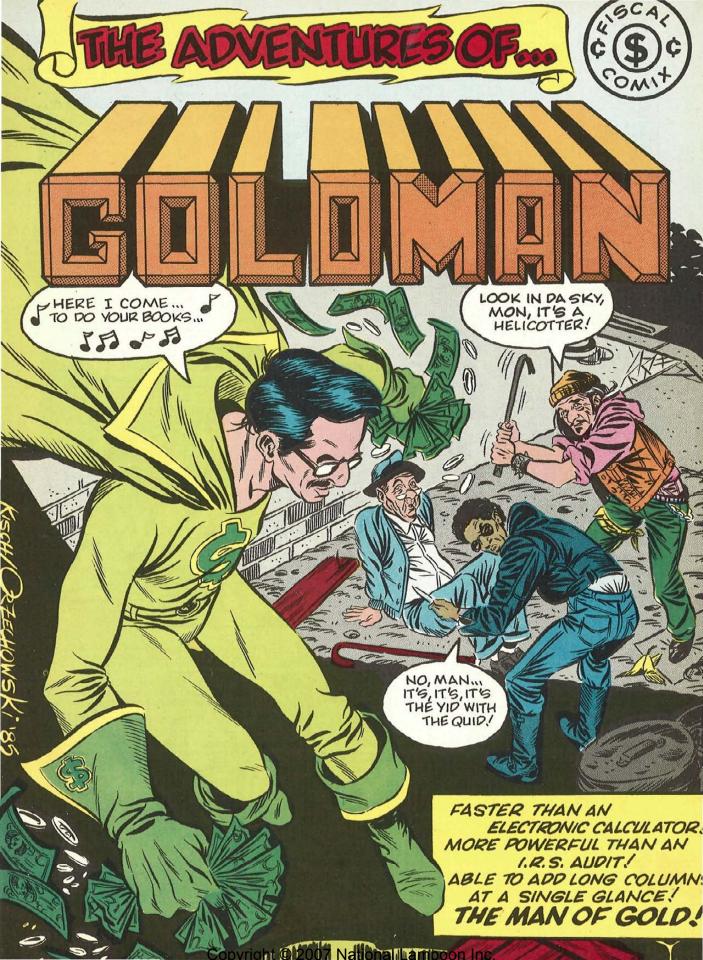
The cover this month is by Alan Reingold. The model, Bonnie N. Clyde, when asked what she did for a living, responded with a simple "I rub banks."

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Many thanks to the fine upstanding
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Eric, who let us use one of their many
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Also a hearty soulful tip of the top hat to
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drinkery in not only the solar system but
quite possibly the whole city. Not to
mention that caviar connoisseur Lou
Sobol, the gracious proprietor of Caviarteria Inc. Caviar Center U.S.A., who lent
us some of his fish eggs. I hope he
doesn't count the ones we returned.

—₽.K.



"Maybe you should bang upside down and jerk off more often."



GOLDMAN - A MILD-MANNERED CREDIT MANAGER FOR A GREAT METROPOLITAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION WHO FIGHTS A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE AGAINST PETTY LARCENY ARMED ONLY WITH HIS PEN AND CHECKBOOK ...









SAVE YOUR INK, GOLPIE, WE DON'T TAKE NO CHECKS WITHOUT A PRIVER'S LICENSE AND ONE OTHER FORM OF





YAAAA - HOOO!
HE'S THE FLYIN' JEW.
HE GIVE YOU ONE,
HE GIVE YOU TWO.
HE DON'T LIKE TO SEE
NO ONE HURT,
SO OFFA HIS BACK,



NEXT MORNING, CLARK GELT, GOLDMAN'S MEEK, BESPECTACLED ALTER EGO, ARRIVES FOR WORK AT THE OFFICES OF THE BENEVOLENT LOAN ASSOCIATION.



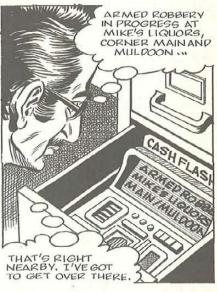






















FELLAS, I KNOW HOW TOUGH IT IS POING THESE LITTLE SMASH-AND- GRAB JOBS — YOU RISK SO MUCH FOR A LOUSY TAKE!



AIN'T PAT TH' TROOT, Y'KNOW, GOLDMAN, PESE MASKS ALONE SET US BACK SIXTY BUCKS! DE BOTTOM LINE ON PIS BUSINESS SUCKS!









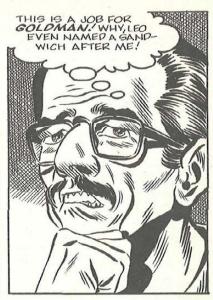
Y'KNOW, CLARK, IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME GOLDMAN DISAPPEAR

WELL, LOIS ...

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

















FIVE OF OUR BROTHERS OF THE RLO.-UH-FRONT ARE IMPRIS-ONED IN LIECHTENSTEIN, I WILL FORCE EACH OF THESE ZIONIST POSS TO EAT A HAM SAND-WICH EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL THEY ARE RELEASED.





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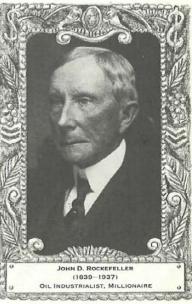












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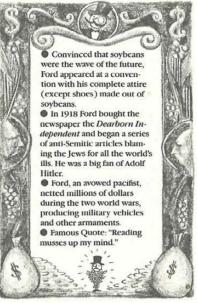
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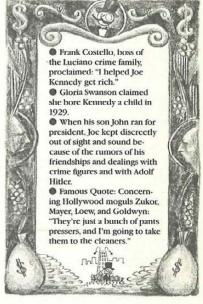
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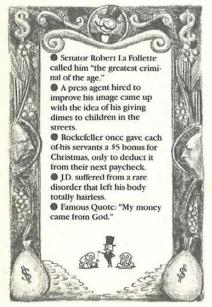
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Hearst paid his bills two

ways-slowly or not at all.

creditors, he hired "doubles"

to impersonate him at public

functions in different parts of

1924, Hearst supposedly shot

Thomas Ince, who he thought

mistress, Marion Davies, then

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Famous Quote: "Pleasure

is what you can afford to pay

On a pleasure cruise in

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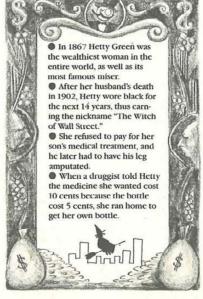
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a stomach disorder. The

police bought it.

In fact, in order to duck

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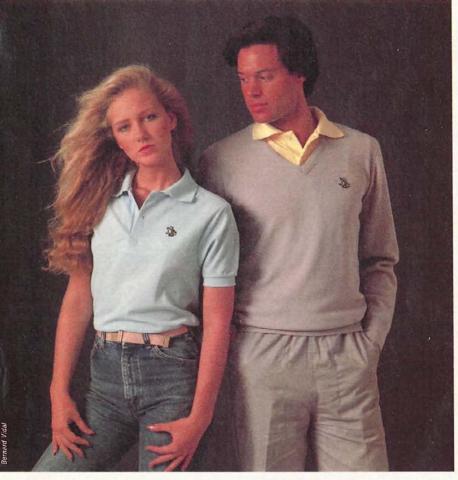


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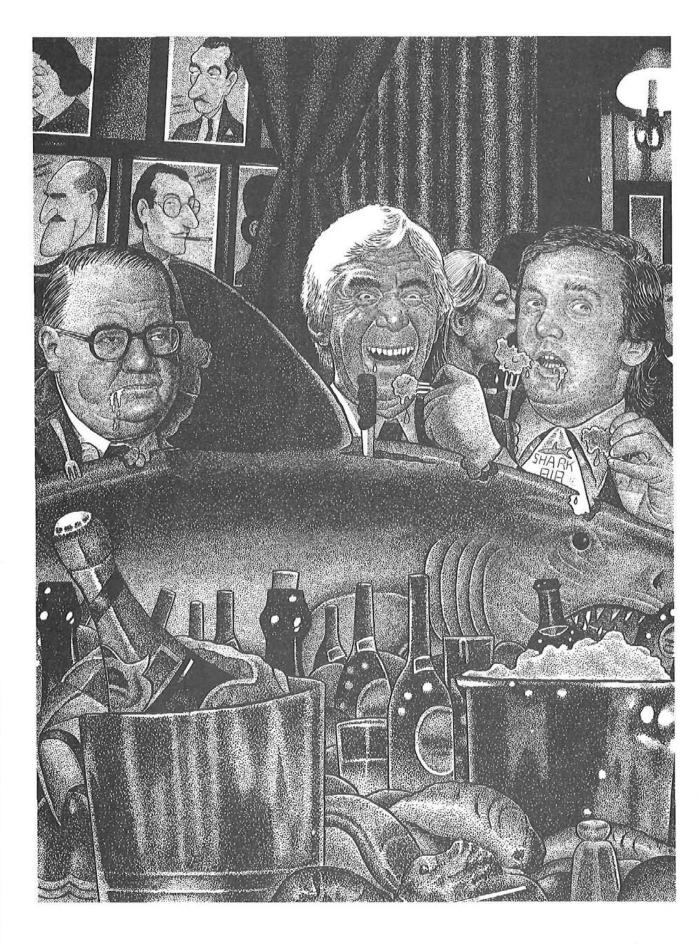
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The Right Stock

by Lance Contrucci

he average financier is the kind of guy who's content to sit back in the grandstand of life and eke out a meager hundred thousand or so a year-he's a broker and a joker and a secretary poker with a My Big Ass degree on the wall. But—a handful of entrepreneurs are genuine financial ACES, daring young men in their money machines-lighting up the board over Wall Street in debt-defying, winner-take-all (plus 10 percent) dogfights! Mortal men never bare their assets on the line, but the real Brethren, the righteous Dreamers and Schemers, push their clout to the limit. Men like Donald Trump, who took off into the world of real estate and came back the Gentrified Glitzlord of Gotham!...or top-rated Stock locks from deep in the burt of Texas...and Nelson Hunt, the Flounder of Modern Precious Metal Speculation. They're the stuff that Business Week is made of, the My Share of the Pie Pious!!! Ragging & Taking and Taking & Bragging!!! They're the breastbeating bond buyers: Hunt and Trump, and oh yes, not to mention John DeLorean, who tried to fly a stainlesssteel turkey to the sun!!!:::They're the entrepreneurs with the Right Stock!!!

He Had Little to Begin With

A popular joke on Wall Street is that John DeLorean fell off a yacht one day. A shark swam up to him, looked him over, and then, incredibly, swam away. It didn't swim away because John had just peed his pants. Nor did it swim away because John was all skin and bones (and a little plastic in the face)—

ob no!!! The shark swam away because it was granting him professional courtesy!!!

Yet people who really know John say that this isn't true: if anything, the shark would have swum away with a couple of bogus certificates in a fresh-fish market, a promise that he'd be a millionaire overnight, and an agreement that John would teach him to improve his dive at a later date. The fact is, John Zachary DeLorean, son of a millwright for a Ford factory, always had the gift of *gab* and the gift of *grab*...and, ultimately, a *nose* for making money.

John's incredible success story has a slightly different twist. He started off by working for an automobile company, and in twenty-two short years was world-famous and owned his own company. Then, only four short years later, he was millions of dollars in debt, jailed, divorced, and world...infamous!!! An International Failure!!! Like all of the Dreamers and Schemers with the Right Stock, John had plenty of ambition, greed, and drive...but maybe just a touch too much, since he ultimately drove his car into the ground!!!

His first big break (not bust) was when he helped design the GTO for Pontiac. Then things happened fast: a hit song came out about GTOs, and GTOs caught on well with the kids, and John started listening to rock 'n' roll music and-bey, baby-his zenith rose like an aerial right up out of the hood! John just pulled ahead of the competition, he was the master of suspension!!! Soon Big John was the manager of Chevrolet—See the Feds Today in Your Chevrolet. He played the game ... and won!!! John, your stroke was excellent today on the seventeenth!!! Thanks, J.B.!! He was married to a former secretary and lived the good life, hanging around with the other auto execs around the new flagstone patio!!! Still—questions plagued young John's mind: Should I let the old man beat me again today?...Does my wife make a better martini than Dawson's wife???? John DeLorean wasn't long content with this desk job-he knew he could only be happy if he was out there shooting it out with the business community, Ragging & Taking and Taking & Bragging, like a real Top Stock Jock!

Well, it was only natural that young Don John saw that he had plenty of options! What with all of the traveling and the god-awful speeches, and the wine, women, and song...and don't forget all those trips to California, where thing were bappening, especially for a handsome Dreamer and Schemer out tooting his horn! John didn't spend so much time away from home because he was devoted to General Motors, nor did he spend time away because his home life was well under par. No, John started flying all around the country because he had the Right Stock, and flying all around the country Ragging & Taking and Taking & Bragging was what you did!!! Needless to say, John changed more than his personality, he changed his whole face! He turned around and had a face-lift! He stopped wearing boxer shorts! He lost sixty pounds! In Detroit, the boys were saying, Hey, John, this is Detroit, not some exotic place like...Los Angeles, for chrissakes! He dyed his hair and started dealing in wives-he traded the ex-secretary in for a model that was twenty years younger, no doubt one with greater acceleration and handling, but then got rid of that one after three years, trading her in for an even newer model, a professional model named Cristina!!!

Well, all that was too much for the big brass at GM, so they shit-canned him one fine day, but John never even blinked an eye-what did you expect him to do, go stand around at the unemployment line??? Of course not-he handled it with poise and sophistication, just the way any blue-blooded Schemer and Dreamer would: he told everybody that be quit General Motors, and wrote a book about how stupid they were! He was unquestionably one of the greatest liars in the world....John could look you straight in the face and smile while one hand was in your pocket and the other was on your wife's ass!!! He was the lying bandit, the raccoon raconteur!!! It must

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be said, though, that as a businessman on his own, John turned out to be uncommonly fair-minded in his practices, an equal-opportunity entrepreneur: he swindled everybody, regardless of color, creed, or checking account!!! John was a corker, no doubt about it, a bona fide Schemer and Dreamer now freed of his corporate chains, out on a real tear!!! He bought a gravel quarry and promoted rock concerts!!! He announced he was going to write more books and sent a chill up the publishers' spines!!! He went into the TV-dinner business and burned the other partners!!! Is there no end to these bad puns????? (Not yet.) He started a belly-dancing school so he could hobnob with the real movers and shakers, and saw his fireplace business go up in flames! Goddamn it, will you knock it off already? (Ob, okay.)

Eventually he decided to build his own car and his own car factory, and the John flew around the world, Ragging & Taking and Taking & Bragging ... looking for a place to build it...you've got to have the right setting and ambience for quality-car manufacturing. Suddenly the British said, "There's an empty factory in Belfast you could use," and John said, "Belfast is hardly the proper ambience for a man of my tastes," and the British replied, "We'll give you around 156 million dollars," and John said, "Why, ye know, Ireland does look like a good handsome place to build me wee car factory, after all, don't it!"

He was the king of the fast-track, Dom Pérignon-slugging, gold-ring, Gucci guys! He was a designer, a man of vision and fission! Johnny Dee, friend of Carson. He set his own salary at three hundred thousand a year, plus over twenty-five grand in expenses! The company provided him with a chauffeur, a personal servant, several sports cars, maids...tie adjusters and bum wipers... the works, because, of course, that's the only way for a top-notch Dreamer and Schemer to operate!!! But John is a humble guy—be had little to start withand that's why he bought a house for himself and his family in New Jersey. It cost three and a half million dollars, but it was in New Jersey, all the same.

Well, the real kicker is that all of these opulent trappings came from a car that turned out to be completely defective once it was finally produced, a *lemon with gull-wing doors!* Fast-talking John was just about to make over a hundred million dollars from the company by taking it public (and selling the *right stock*), but a killjoy secretary—who had seen about fifty shady deals too many—flew off to London with a bunch of company files, and the miserable *lime suckers* stepped in...and the car company went into a tailspin!!!

Well, John stays as cool as Colombian

Snow and sees that it's time for a new *line* of business! Coke here!!! Cocaine!!! Why, the stuff is God's way of telling you that you make too much moola!!! It moves like a white Toronado!!

But goddamn it, just as with any good deal, there was too much government intervention, a helluva note for a Dreamer and Schemer who wants to get high in the world...and the whole deal went down (instead of *up*) the tube. He got caught with twenty-four million dollars' worth of cocaine!!! Nothing to sneeze at!!! Imagine what the goddamn paraphernalia kit looked like—the mirror was probably full-length!!!

And so John DeLorean, who busted the envelope (or baggie), got caught with his pants down. But he swore it never happened.

It Couldn't Have Happened to a Fatter Guy

Well, DeLorean's automobile attracted many investors, but it never attracted one of the richest men in the world, Texan Nelson Bunker Hunt, if for no other reason than that Nelson would never invest in a car he couldn't fit into!!! He was shrewd and smart, a completely different animal altogether: an elephant who wanted to corner the world silver market, that was Nelson Hunt! If Nelson ever fell off a yacht in shark-infested waters, they'd throw him a giant sesameseed roll and he'd just hunker down to the surface and have a coupla shark sandwiches!!! A business associate once asked Nelson why he, a man already worth five million dollars, would even bother to make more money, and Nelson didn't even answer the question, he just ate him on the spot!

But if there were a joke about Nelson on Wall Street, it would probably go something like this: What kind of an outing would you be on if you were looking for a hippopotamus who's a member of the John Birch Society? Why, you'd be on a Nelson Bunker Hunt! Nelson is the son of famed fascist H. L. Hunt, who left two billion dollars when he croaked. (How much he left his eight illegitimate children is unknown...but they were no doubt rich bastards....) But Nelson got more than money from his old man, he inherited his father's sense of bumor, too! Well, hell, his pop believed that people with more money should have more votes!!! He was a gentle, kind-hearted, old-fashioned patriot who awarded scholarships to schoolchildren for the best essays on how to disembowel a Communist, and maintained a lifelong belief that Democrats were the work of the devil.

Well, fortunately his son Nelson turns out to be a wit off the old block—a man of *mirth and girth!!!* His only vice is eating (so much so that some say he's a fartaholic) but he takes his place—in fact, several places—with the Ragging and Taking and Bragging breed, Old Money Chapter—he's a regular *Nelson Porkefeller*. Texas Jokes: Nelson is so rabidly anti-Communist that he once had every bear in the Dallas zoo taken out and shot!!! He thinks that *Red* Skelton should be hanged! *Ob no, not those bad fucking puns again!!!*

One day Nelson and his dim-witted brother were talking about ways to improve themselves, and the first thing his brother wanted to say was "Go on a diet," but he didn't because Nelson wore the pants in the family, in fact, he wore enough pants for several families...and eventually, after much debating and eating, they finally decided to try to corner the world silver market! Corner the world silver market? Impossible!

But nothing is impossible when you're rich and clearly possess the savvy and selfishness of the Right Stock!!! They figured that cornering the silver market would be about like cornering a pony, and since the Hunts own more than a thousand horses-bless me, fodder-it should be a cinch! Oh, it wouldn't exactly be the cheapest investment they ever made-in fact, it would run about a billion dollars plus-change on the dresser for the Hunts-but the deal had possibilities!!! And just like that they started Ragging & Taking and Taking & Bragging (and no doubt eating a lot, too!!!). Hi-yo, Silver Away!!!

To pull the deal off it was paramount, right off, to not tell anyone what they were doing-they had to have the element of surprise!!! But they didn't!!! They announced it to the whole goddamn world!!! Hey, ever'bodab, we're cornering the world silver market!!! They couldn't keep their big fat mouths shut! And they started buying up silver... not just a few silver bullets here and there, kemo sabe, but millions and millions of dollars' worth!!! The prices started going up and up...and soon the Hunts had invested nearly a billion bucks! They kept buying and buying... riding this rocket to bog beaven, baby... but the market panicked all to hell, and the prices dropped like a rock!!! The bottom just fell out, and the Hunts went up in flames, losing a billion dollarsconsiderably more money, in fact, than many people in impoverished parts of America can earn in a single lifetime!

Nelson Hunt, brave, gutsy trader that he was, pushed the inside of the traders' envelope too far. He sat on the price and then pushed it *bigher and bigher* without bailing out, thinking he could hang on forever, but finally the whole silver market crashed and burned and he too

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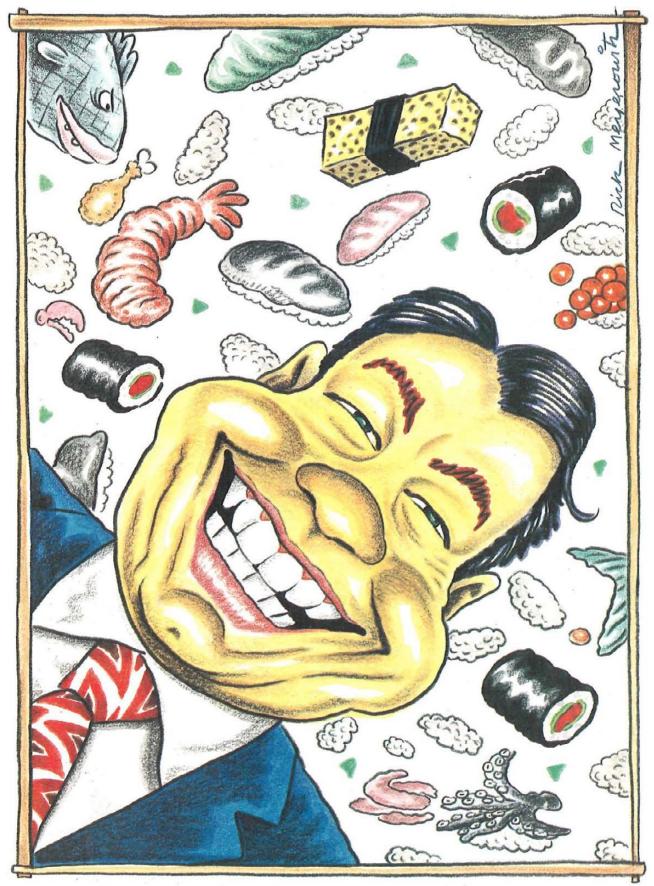
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I Wish I Could Sashimi Like Your Sister, Kato

by Richard Liebmann-Smith

t had been more than ten years since I'd seen Tobiko Ikura, ten years since Tobi and I had been catcher and pitcher, respectively, on the B-school softball squad at Stanford. In those days we used to go down to Ommie's after every game, knock back a few brews, and shoot the breeze about the rich possibilities for economic cooperation between our countries. We were inseparable then, but as soon as we picked up our M.B.A.'s I headed for New York to hook up with IBM and Tobi split for Tokyo to sign on with Matsushita. We tried to keep up for a while, exchanging cards at Christmas and whatever their big holidays are, but eventually our correspondence petered out and I came to believe I'd never hear from him again.

But here was Tobi on the phone, telling me he was in town and very anxious to talk with me, since I was now director of a consortium of large corporations doing business abroad and he was working for his government under a title roughly translatable as Deputy Minister for Lamentable International Episodes.

We made a date for lunch the following day at a chichi East Side fish emporium called Hai Tekka.

When I arrived at the restaurant I recognized my old battery mate right away. He was wearing the same glum expression he had worn the day he dropped the ball making the tag on what turned out to be the winning run in our championship play-off against the law school.

"What's the trouble, Tobi?" I asked as soon as our little platforms of sashimi arrived with their accompaniment of hot sake.

"As you know," he began, "the Japanese language is among the most subtle and sophisticated on earth."

I nodded, chewing pensively on a delicious morsel of raw tuna.

"Indeed," he went on, "so delicate are the nuances of our ancient tongue that few of us can actually understand one another—although, of course, we are far too polite to admit it."

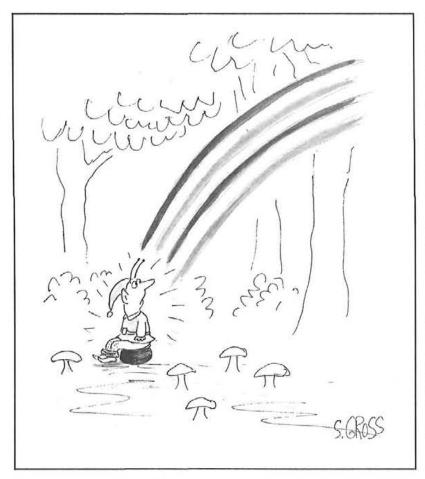
"Of course," I said, washing the sting of the burning wasabi horseradish paste from my palate with a slug of the warm rice wine. Tobi's style was always a little on the indirect side, typical of Japanese reserve. ("We are taught," he once told me, "that one does not yell 'Rice!' in a crowded restaurant.")

"This excruciating linguistic impasse," he continued, "has led our people to develop many powerful non-verbal forms of expression."

"Like karate?" I asked. "Hara-kiri?" Tobi nodded, unamused. "Yes....and sashimi."

"Sashimi?" I knew of course that there was supposed to be a subtle symbolism of sea, sky, and mountains in the exquisitely sculpted tableaux of shimmering fish slivers and verdant mounds of spicy wasabi we were enjoying-but the only concrete message I'd ever received from such a spread was "good cats." Now Tobi was trying to tell me that what I'd always taken for mere victuals were in fact an elaborate form of culinary hieroglyphics—that the simplest slice of halibut, depending on its size, shape, placement, and degree of freshness, could be freighted with an entire dictionary of denotations. The Japanese, he explained, often resorted to this quaint fish-talk to express thoughts or feelings that might be embarrassing or impolitic to render in plain speech.

"Over there," he said, nodding almost



imperceptibly toward the adjoining table, "is a Japanese car salesman with a prospective client. He has just boasted that his cars get forty-five miles to the gallon highway, thirty-five city."

"Not bad," I ventured.

"Oh yes, an impressive statement, to be sure," Tobi agreed sotto voce. "But the educated eye can't help but discern in the sly arrangement of smelt roe and lemon wedges on the table the clear caveat: 'These are only EPA estimates; your own mileage may vary.""

I shot my old classmate a skeptical look

"I kid you not," he insisted. "Look over there." His subtle nod directed my gaze to an exquisite young woman sitting across from a well-appointed business type old enough to be her father, and clearly not. "You will notice that this fellow confines his spoken remarks to the most chaste of compliments," Tobi whispered. "He has just told her, 'Your whaling practices are ecologically sound, my dear.' But his darker amorous intentions are clearly signaled in the raunchy platter of squid tentacles before him."

Somehow my Occidental mind, schooled in a phonetic alphabet of sequential written characters (and now partially pickled in rice wine) was balking at the notion that complicated ideas could be expressed cogently-much less eloquently—in chunks of uncooked seafood. Was there a grammar of fish? Did you read from left to right? Top to bottom? Rice to soy sauce? Were there spelling rules like "Eels before bass, except after fluke"? Could you write sashimi poetry and, if so, what rhymed with a glob of urchin eggs?

For the first time Tobi smiled. "You are always so impatient," he said. "It takes years to learn sashimi language, and you must start with the ABC's, fish by fish."

"Okay. How about tuna?"

"Generally it means honorableness." "And halibut?"

"Humbleness. Also partial loss of face." "What about salmon?"

"Salmon means rice. Rice, paradoxically, stands for tall hairdos."

"And mackerel?"

"Mackerel is a nagging distrust, almost too petty to mention. Also anything made of wood, especially three-masted schooners."

"And what about those little green plastic leaves?"

"Insignificant others." -

I could see this wasn't going to be something I'd be able to pick up in half an hour, but I was fascinated to see how it worked. "Okay, Tobi," I said, "tell me

what my lunch says."

Tobi studied the configuration of tuna, halibut, horseradish, and ginger in front of me. "The basic message," he announced after a brief scrutiny, "is simply 'It is an honor to be humble."

"What do you mean, the basic message?"

"Well, note the over-fineness of this halibut slice, not quite fresh and appearing in menacing proximity to the shredded ginger. This can only be interpreted as a veiled threat, hardly mitigated by the generous dollop of wasabi below."

I gave a low whistle of appreciation.

"So the real message here," Tobi went on, "might better be translated, 'If you're so humble, why aren't you honorable?' Or, in the light of your sarcastically placed soy sauce, 'With honorableness like yours, who needs humbleness?"

"This is amazing!" I exclaimed. A whole new world of communications possibilities opened up before me. Not only that, but some of the more mysterious recent misunderstandings between our countries at last made sense. I recalled a deal between General Motors and Toyota that had been suddenly and inexplicably queered by the appearance of a platter of cleaned squid at the celebratory luncheon. On another occasion, after two years of painstaking negotiations and with an accord virtually in the bag, a high-ranking representative of IBM had hit his opposite number at Hitachi with what I now perceived must have been a horribly ill-considered side order of porgy. No deal.

Tobi confirmed my suspicions. The squid, with its strong connotations of highway robbery, had indeed put the kibosh on the GM deal, and the IBM/ porgy incident had been particularly unfortunate in that the Hitachi executive's mother, to whom the porgypushing IBMer had inadvertently referred, was at that very moment on her

deathbed.

"But why have you never said anything about this?" I asked. "Why haven't you shared this extraordinary means of communication with your closest trading partner?"

'Until now," Tobi responded with admirable candor, "there has simply been no need. The occasional misunderstanding has been more than compensated for by the advantages of secrecy."

"And now?"

"Ah, now," he sighed, leaning forward confidentially. "As I told you, the language of sashimi is an ancient one—a product of an agrarian, feudal society. As such it is excellent for such low-tech remarks as 'If you track mud on the tatami one more time I'll knock over your rice bowl'-two chunks tuna, wasabi above, no soy-or 'Let's go decapitate a

few peasants!'—a pile of cleaned burgalls—but the sad truth is that the honorableness of a man's rice is seldom a burning issue in the boardrooms or laboratories of our modern multibillion-yen conglomerates. And there is, after all, a limit to how much you can get across with a bunch of raw seafood. Traditional sashimi language is highly flexible but, as you can imagine, the systems analyst who tries to spell out the fine points of formatting a data base is bound to find himself at a loss for fish."

"And you believe America has the answer?"

"Oh yes. Already, by including some of your fast foods in our sashimi vocabulary, we have begun to meet the challenge of the new cra. For example, my plate now reads, 'Your face or mine?' But if I were to insert one of the Colonel's crispy Kentucky Fried Chicken wings between the tuna and the abalone, it would say, 'Give me all your petroleum derivatives.' An Egg McMuffin next to the wasabi would change the meaning to 'Focus your ion beam on my silicon chips, please.'"

"So that's why our fast foods have caught on so well in Japan!"

"It is not for their flavor."

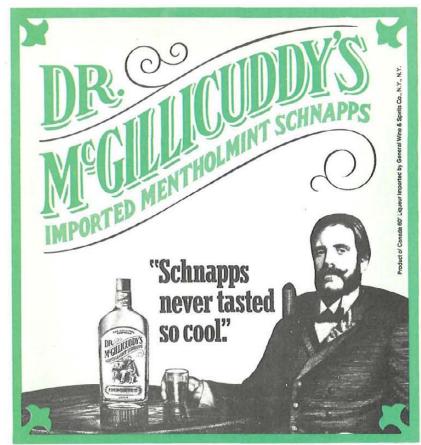
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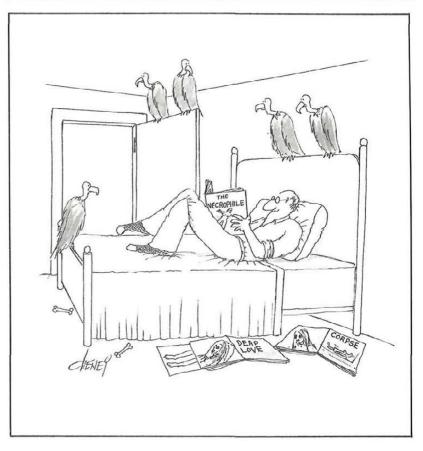
"The pace of the information explosion is very great." Tobi reached into his briefcase and blithely handed me a computer printout listing deviled eggs, corned beef hash, baked beans, barbecued ribs, chili, clam chowder (New England *and* Manhattan!), peanuts, Cracker Jacks, shoofly pie, apple pan dowdy, jambalaya, crawfish pie, fillet gumbo...

It was an outrage. The man was demanding the very soul of American culinary achievement. This was, literally, an attack on Mom's apple pie, and I, for one, would not believe that our people would stand for the giveaway of the very crown jewels of our national gastronomic heritage. Sooner our state-of-theart nuclear technology! Sooner our entire satellite network! There were, after all, limits to friendship.

"Tobi," I said, fighting to control my ire. "It is with the deepest regret that I inform you of my inability to comply with your request. I trust, of course, that my reluctance to do so will in no way jeopardize the very deep, very strong alliance between our great nations, nor hinder what has always been the highly fruitful exchange of goods and knowledge between us..."

And, indeed, I had learned much from Tobi, for even as I was making this highly politic little speech, I reached into my pocket and pulled out a handful of cashews, pistachios, almonds, and pecans, which I slid across the table to him with a very polite smile.





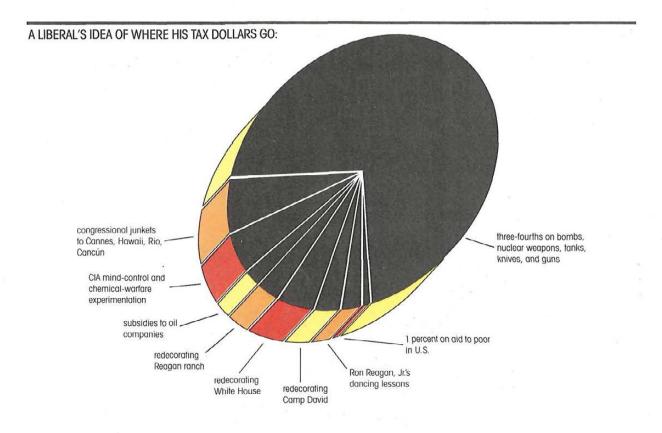


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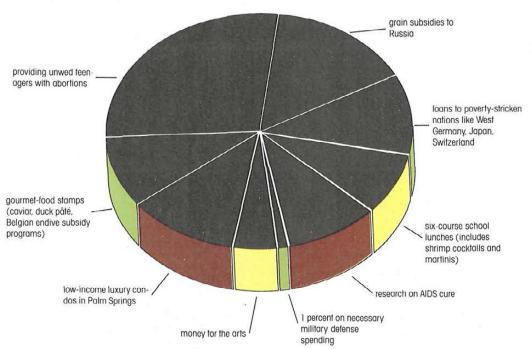


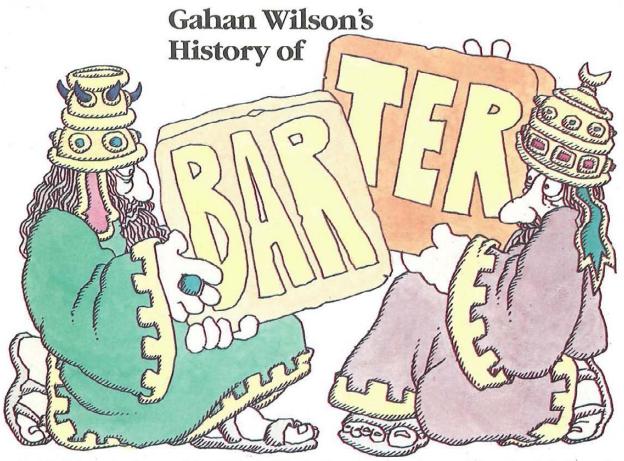
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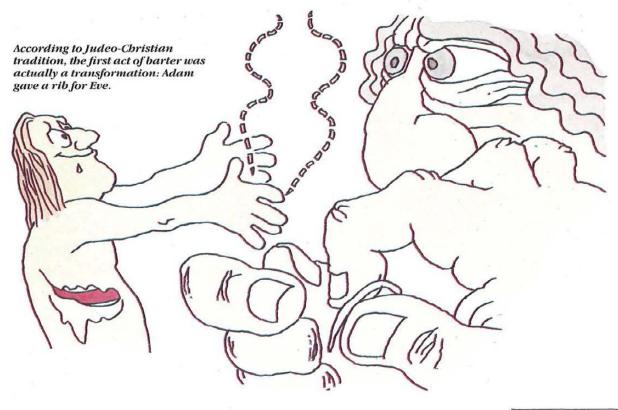


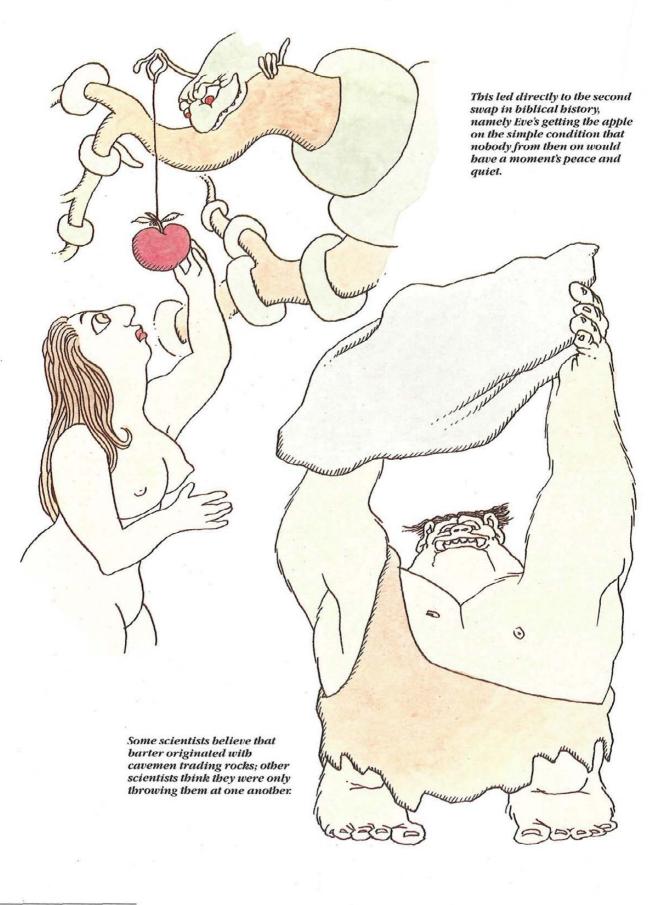
A CONSERVATIVE'S IDEA OF WHERE HIS TAX DOLLARS GO:

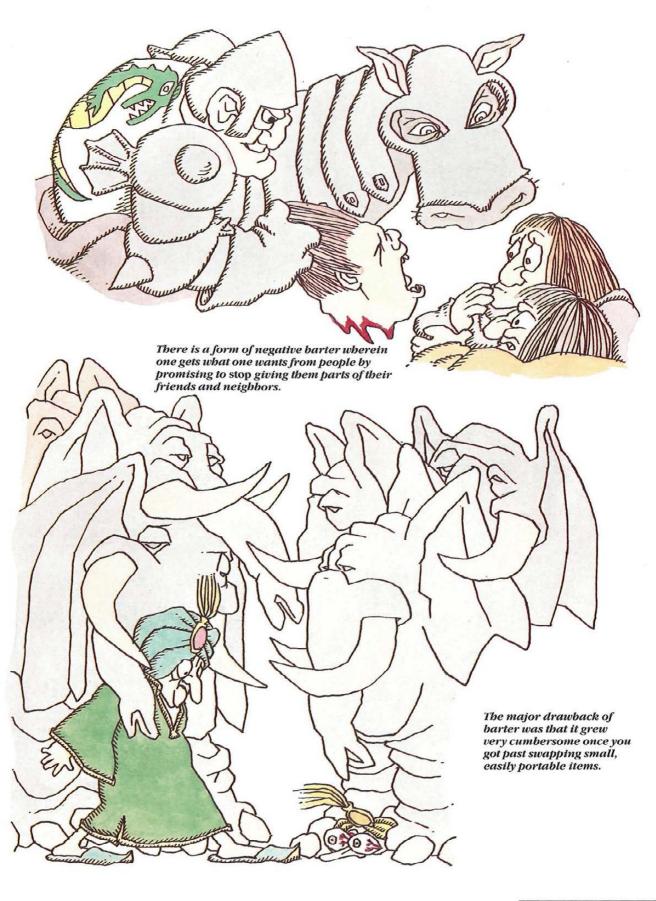


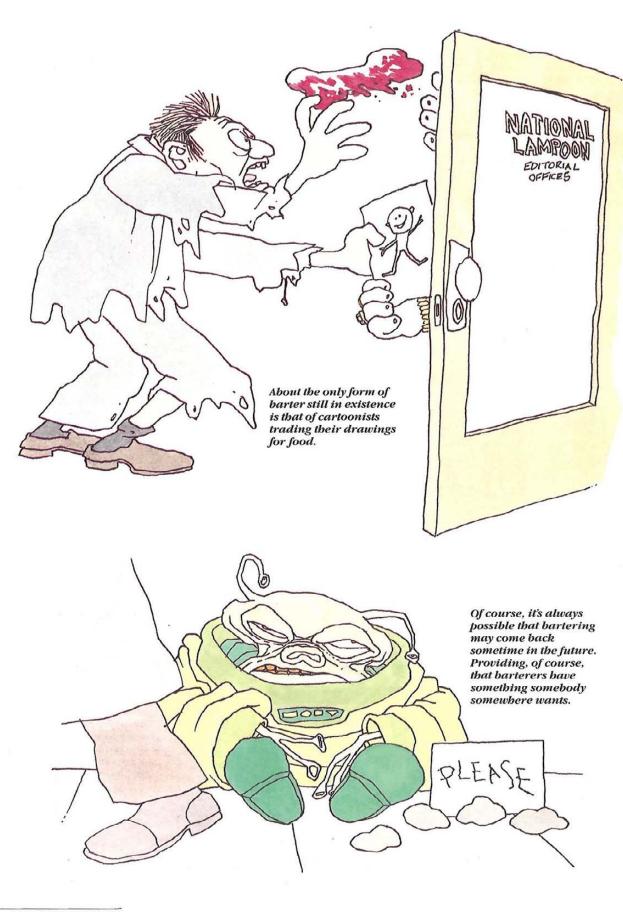


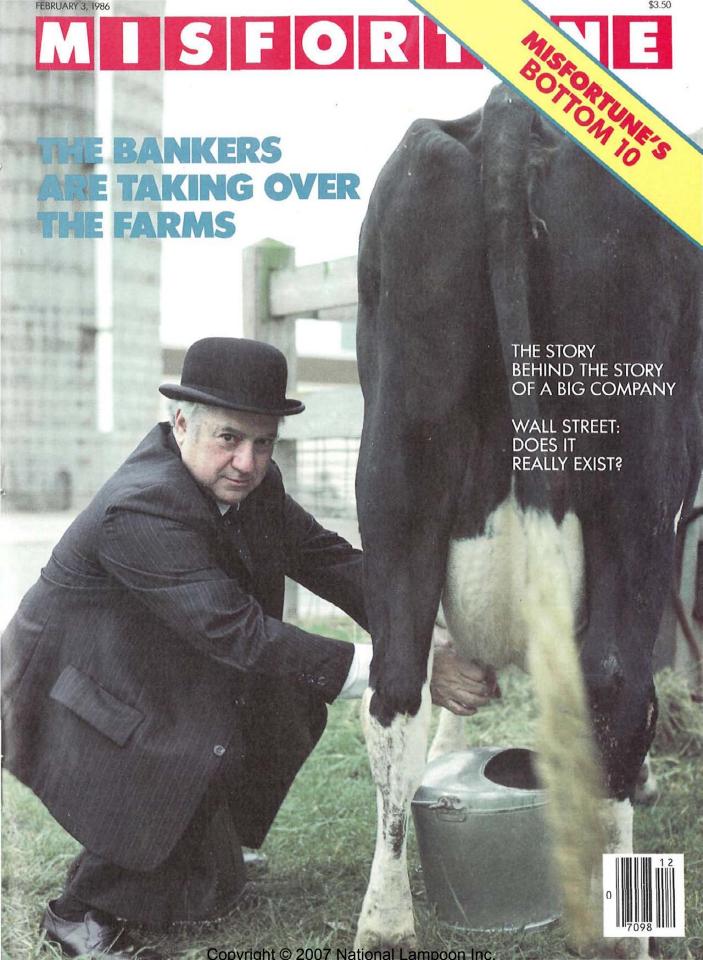
We didn't always pay for everything with tacky little plastic cards, or even the soon-to-be-outmoded coins and bills (your grandchildren will think you were stupid because you paid for anything with cash, by the way). We used to swap actual things for other things, and it was called barter.



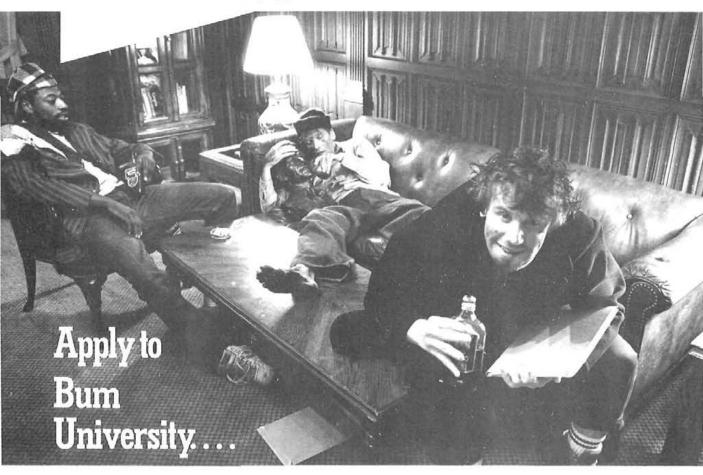








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Remember...a dime is a terrible thing to waste.

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UNCLE MONEY'S FINANCIAL MAILBAG

by John Bendel

UNCLE MONEY'S investment tip for the month: Buy bauxite futures and you'll be sitting pretty in the looming aluminum-foil shortage. Remember: Uncle Money told

Now for our correspondence:

Dear Uncle Money:

I recently came into an unexpected \$5,000, and I've been keeping it in the glove compartment of my '73 Seville. Is there someplace I could invest it without giving my full name and address?

Jersey City, N.J.

"Unexpected." That's a new one. Get into one of the new Money Migrator funds. You will have to give your name and address but it won't matter, because a

Money Migrator moves your cash from account to account at the speed of light until no one is sure where it is or whom

it belongs to.

Money Migrator certificates are available from most brokers, thrift institutions, and bodegas that sell money orders. True, the Money Migrator is a high-risk investment vehicle, but then so is your '73

Dear Uncle Money:

Here's a breakdown of my assets: \$25 worth of old "Plastic Man" comics, \$17 in unrolled pennies, and a passbook account with \$5 in it. I also have about \$3.50 on me. What should I invest in?

Dear Joe:

Chicago, Ill.

You should get into MiniMoney Timesharing Mutual Funds. With as little as \$10 you can own actual fractions of genuine government securities between certain hours on specified days of the week. Of course, time-shares during business hours tend to be more costly than overnight securities.

One caution: Watch out for so-called "weekend securities." If you own securities on the days that markets are closed, you can only sell them privately to someone as stupid as yourself. For you, that may be quite an undertaking.

"Plastic Man" comics indeed.

Dear Uncle Money:

I'm a very attractive woman of twentyfive with a net worth of \$650,000. Here's the breakdown: \$100,000 is in government securities, \$100,000 is in insured bank money-market funds, \$100,000 is in highgrowth common stock mutual funds, and \$100,000 is in tax-exempt municipal bonds. I also have \$200,000 worth of beachfront property and \$50,000 in my personal collection of garter belts, massage devices, rubber sheets, crotchless underpanties, and black bras with the nipples cut out.

What should I do?

Dear Lola:

Lola Santa Monica, Calif.

Actually, your situation reminds me a lot of my own. I hold a proportion of real estate, securities, and mutual fund shares roughly equivalent to yours. Yet I also find myself with substantial holdings in erotic literature, eight millimeter films, petroleum jelly, and raw liver.

Unfortunately, you failed to include your full name, address, and telephone number. Therefore, I can offer you no specific advice. However, write again, include this information along with a recent snapshot, and I'll see what I can do.

Nice hearing from you.

Dear Uncle Money:

I own a lot of international real estate, including Honduras, but the way things are going down there, I'm thinking of selling.

What do you think?

Well Off

Palm Springs, Calif.

Dear Well Off:

Sell Honduras now and you'll take a bath in red ink. What do you think you're going to get for a country like that under current conditions?

Hang tough, though, and things could turn dramatically in your favor. Nicaragua, for example, may be coming back on the market very soon. In the short run that won't be great for the prices of Latin American countries, but it can only boost the value of your holdings for the long

Do keep in touch.

Dear Uncle Money:

Remember me? On paydays I used to put my money in my left front pocket. It was a big mess in there. My driver's license and those little pictures of the kids were getting all dog-eared. But then you advised me to buy a wallet.

Well, I did and my license is in much better shape, but I like my money rolled into a ball and it won't fit in the wallet.

Now what?

Smitty Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Smitty:

I've tried to picture a huge ball of money on the lawn of the Vanderbilt estate, or in the garage of some Rockefeller or other, but it just doesn't work. Rich people, smart people-normal people, for God's sake!-just don't roll their money into a ball!

I've tried to help you, Smitty, I really have. But enough is enough. Please go

Dear Uncle Money:

I want to charge things. I want to buy now, pay later.

All right, I don't care about pay later. I just want to buy now. But nobody'll give me a credit card.

What can I do?

Arthur El Paso, Tex.

Dear Arthur:

Let's be up front here: you're a loser,

Okay, here are some credit card companies that specialize in bringing discipline to accounts like yours: Big Al's All-Night Credit Card Co., Inc.; Easy Credit & Gymnasium Co.; and InterCity Instant Loans, Inc., issuer of MisterCard, SisterCard, and DepthCharge.

Look them up in your local directory if you can read, Arthur, and please find yourself another adviser at some other

magazine.

Well, that's it for this month. Address your letters to "Uncle Money," c/o this magazine, and try to keep it upscale,

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HOW YOU GONNA KEEP?

With the rampant number of farm defaults and a hungry nation to be fed, our middle-management banking executives are being forced to pitch in and pitch hay.

by Larry Sloman



Interstate's George Carnegie was forced to trade his company car for a John Deere.

NTERSTATE Bank's George Mellon Carnegie III starts his day at 4 A.M. Nothing unusual about that. But whereas in the past Carnegie would be fielding calls from cronies on the London Stock Exchange and inputting gold quotes from the Zurich market, these days he's pitching seed to an appreciative audience of 400 turkeys and deftly squeezing the udders of a 1,300-pound

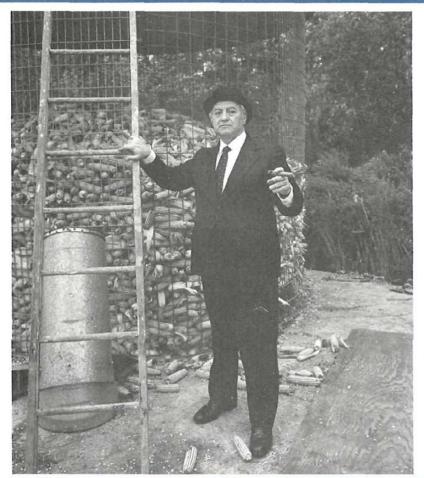
Holstein named Jody. Carnegie is just one of hundreds of bankers who have been reassigned to farm duty under Interstate's revolutionary Farmexec Lend-a-Hand program.

"It took a little getting used to," Carnegie says, smiling, as he sweeps up chicken droppings with a large broom. "Especially the smell here in the chicken coop. But on the whole I'm getting ad-

justed. The exercise is free, unlike my health club back in the city, the eggs are sure enough fresh, and best of all, not one turkey has ever barged into my office here and demanded that I cash his third-party check."

Just two months ago, Carnegie was manager of Interstate's Rush St. branch in downtown Chicago. But with the record number of farmers defaulting on their

DOWN ON THE FAR



mortgages, Interstate found itself in the unique position of owning thousands of small farms in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Dakotas.

'We had to protect our investment," Interstate's Chairman of the Board Adolph Gruber recalls. "All that livestock, and the fields had to be maintained. We couldn't use the people who had previously owned the farms. They played by the rules and they lost. That's the name of the game here in America. So we decided to shift some of our middle-level management and turn this situation around."

Gruber's bold strategy seems to have reaped dividends. Nestlé's has agreed to buy all the raw milk Interstate can produce, Perdue Farms has purchased chicken futures from the bank's farms, and McDonald's Inc. has contracted with Interstate to purchase all chicken droppings. With all this corporate support, Interstate's farm project is expected to show a profit by 1994.

The Farmexec program is being copied by other leading financial institutions across the country. In New York, Chase Manhattan has already started a similar project, Bankerfarms. Chase recently sent 200 executives to a three-week intensive management seminar at the Staten Island Children's Petting Zoo, then assigned the managers to various dairy farms in the tristate area.

Carnegie poses proudly in front of his first harvest: a silo full of winter corn.

CASH-CROP BANK MACHINES: THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE?

For the farmer who's having trouble making ends meet, Citibank is offering a new service that may help prevent further heartbreaking farm foreclosures. The banking giant has just installed 2,000 cash-crop machines as part of an experimental program in Idaho. The machines operate on the same principle as 24-hour automated cash tellers. The farmer steps up to the window, inserts his Citicard with his own unique PIN, then interfaces with the computer screen and selects which crop he wishes to withdraw. He then inputs the amount desired and, seconds later, he's harvesting the cash crop of his choice.

"We was having a bad time of it, what with the drought and that anthrax that was a-spreading like wildfire, and I plumb near had to pack it in," farmer John Head says. "But these folks at Citibank come up with this cash-crop machine, and it's tiding us over till the Good Lord sees fit to send some more o' that there precipitation our way. In the meantime, though, I just hop into the ol' pickup, throw on a Merle cassette, and drive over here to do my farming. It ain't half bad."



Farmer John Head making a withdrawal at an experimental cash-crop machine. The new program is aimed at heading off disastrous small-farm foreclosures.

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When we at Just Folks were new to the business and hardly able to cross the tarmac by ourselves, we knew we would have to live by one simple rule of thumb: Keep Costs Down! The rest would come with time. This formula has served us well over the past decade and is reflected in our motto: "At Just Folks, we give you a wing, an engine, a door. The rest we leave to your imagination." Here are the secrets of our success:



We buy only used airplanes. They're cheaper than new ones and safer as well, since we already know they fly.

2. We get rid of those bulky seats. Research shows that seats take up valuable space that can be used to pack in more passengers. Our certified Just Folks safety engineers have also proven that the more passengers packed into the airplane, the less chance they have of rattling around and injuring themselves.



We save money on our snack packs because we buy the cheapest snacks and charge a lot for them. You'd be amazed what people will eat on an airplane when eating is the only thing they can do on a flight.



We make the passengers pay after the plane is in the air. If they don't pay, we give them paper parachutes and let them float down to the ground. Of course, this might cause unexpected rattling around of the passengers, so we make sure we stuff pillows in the vacated spots.



ST-EFFECTIVE AIRLINE OLKS WAY!

We don't show first-run films on flights. Instead, our flight attendants (see #9) act out favorite scenes from selected movies.



We save money on our pilots. An airplane is only a big truck that flies. With this in mind, we hire truck drivers as pilots. If they can handle I-70, they should be able to navigate a mountain or two.



We buy reusable airsickness bags. "One person's regurgitation is the same as another's," our president, Walter Rickenbacker, has said. And if the passenger is feeling sick but can't get it out, just one look inside the reusable airsickness bag and he'll spout like a veritable geyser.

We fly to places no other airline will fly to or has even heard of. New York, London, and Paris are all wonderful cities, but everyone flies there. We fly into Youngstown and Hoboken, where there is no competition. Besides, if anyone actually wants to fly to Youngstown or Hoboken, he's sure as hell not going to be picky about the service we provide.



We save money on our flight attendants. There is no reason on earth why a convict on a work-release program can't do the work a pretty stewardess can. Benefits here include a lust for throwing passengers out of airplanes if they don't pay their bill.

We don't hand out any "Important:
Read Carefully" cards. Those laminated emergency cards are expensive! Instead of giving every passenger his very own card, we have the passengers elect a "Passenger Emergency Warden" (PEW) before takeoff. The PEW is responsible for all emergency evacuations of passengers, and in the event of an emergency, receives five dollars from each surviving passenger, half of which goes to the airline.

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Parent Company: U.S. Lint.

Subsidiaries: International Pizzarama Shoppes, Vericlosi Brothers Moving, Storage and Frozen Foods, Gooda Fooda Supermarkets, Goombah Discotheques, The Pepperoni Corporation of New Jersey, Black Hearse Mortuaries, Easy Score Escort Service, Tippa-Toe Detective Agencies, General Mortars Construction, Monolithic Motion Picture Studios, Amalgamated Nosedust, Wopburgers of America.

Earnings Statement, year ended December 31, 1985:

Worldwide sales Pre-tax profits

\$865,834,789 \$1,145,678,456

After-tax profits .

\$2,211,688,023

This is a diversified company with holdings in everything from restaurants to mortuaries. It employs 34,000 people in the U.S., 124,000 people in Sicily, and 138 people in other countries, including Colombia, Turkey, and Buffalo, N.Y. The company originally manufactured lint (thus the name) for placement in pockets of blue serge suits and overcoats:

Corporate executives pictured on facing page:

1. Founder and Co-chairperson: Albert Fungiello. Born, Sicily 1918. Education, Palermo High. Member of School Knife Dueling Team. Founded U.S. Lint in 1939 with \$1,345,000 earned from selling pizzaburgers door-to-door in Palermo.

2. Co-chairperson: Maria Fungiello, formerly Maria Pasquale Gonvatti, daughter of Antonio Gonvatti of Palermo. Mr. Gonvatti, a shepherd, had a net worth of over \$4 billion at the time of his reported death in 1963. His body, rumored to be somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea, has never been found.

3. President: Amalgo Misdemeanori, son-in-law and confidant of the Founder. Owns racehorses, a hotel in Las Vegas, and a barbershop in Brooklyn.

4. Vice President: Maria Misdemeanori, wife of Mr. Misdemeanori. Concentrates on food services and mortuary operations. 5. Vice President: Angelo Fah, brother of Mrs. Misdemeanori. An expert on frozen foods and cryogenics. Formerly Angie Fangionni, formerly Angie the Gun, formerly Everett Van Ranseller. 6. Vice President: Phil Fah, brother of Angelo. Director of

Projections for coming fiscal year: big. Possible risks: the Fungiellos, the Misdemeanoris, and the Fahs. Goals for 1986: U.S. Steel, Pizza Huts, McDonald's, and Death Valley.

Corporate Personnel and Punishment. Formerly Phil the Kill. 7. Vice President: Maria Fah, wife of Phil. Owns and operates homosexual bars in San Francisco and Greenwich Village.

8. Vice President: Mariella Fah, daughter of Phil and Maria. Manages a chain of discos owned by the company.

9. Vice President: Albert Fungiello, Jr., son of Albert and Maria. Exact responsibilities unknown.

10. Vice President: Maria Fungiello, Jr., daughter of Maria and Albert. Has same responsibilities as Albert, Jr.

Pictured in boxes 11 through 30 are various department heads, city managers, district advisers, patent holders, overseas managers, and personnel recruiters, all of whom are named Fungiello, Misdemeanori, or Fah, except for Washington Jefferson Blackburn (Harlem Operations) and Git-it Jones (Watts).

Other members of the Board of Directors pictured at bottom (31-35): Itano Gonvatti, Mario Gonvatti, Warren Cohen, Jake Gonvatti, and Maria Gonvatti. Board members not pictured: Spiro Agnew, Frank Sinatra, Eddie Murphy, and Willie Gonvatti, who is temporarily incarcerated.



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MISFORTUNE'S

After another year of intensive research, MISFORTUNE once again proudly presents its annual "Bottom 10." This, of course, is our list of American businessmen who have "bottomed out" because of unusually bad luck—unfavorable circumstances that simply could not be avoided—or because they fucked up.

These are not merely poor people. They are businessmen. But they are, indeed, the misfortunate.



Cy Carmichael Toledo, Ohio

As recently as 1980, Carmichael was one of the wealthiest men in Toledo. He had amassed a fortune through careful investments; a fire at his underwear factory, which had not been doing well but was highly insured; and a series of timely deaths to even wealthier members of his family. Carmichael took his millions and sank them into an exclusive dealership for the innovative DeLorean automobile. He also invested heavily in that company's stock. According to the Toledo *Blade*, Carmichael said at the time, "The DeLorean will be the American Mercedes. When Chrysler folds, the DeLorean will fill the void."



Benford Washburn Baltimore, Maryland

part-time gunrunner.

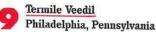
For years Benford Washburn ran one of America's most successful book publishing companies. Under his sole ownership and control, the company, Dynamic Publishing, dealt primarily in books for philatelists, amateur cooks, and the art of survival in cold climates. These books were all extremely profitable. Some years ago Washburn went for the big one. He persuaded famed novelist Harold Robbins to write his first "serious" literary epic. Robbins agreed to do it for a \$3 million advance. The book, published in 1985, is the true story of Konard Kricht, the little-known Hungarian cabinetmaker. His life unfolds in great detail in Robbins's 260,000word tome, the longest since War and Peace. Basically, Kricht was the son of a Budapest cabinetmaker who took up his father's trade at an

tanned women, its excellent cuisine and fine

sions. He is a door-to-door rug salesman and

hotels. Veedil went into bankruptcy earlier this

year and has now returned to his original profes-



Veedil was once the epitome of the shrewd businessman. It took him 10 years to build a chain of travel agencies throughout the United States, and he had a gimmick: he specialized exclusively in travel to his homeland, Lebanon the Riviera of the Near East, the Pearl of the Mediterranean, with its white beaches and well-



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early age. He married at 23 and remained happily married to the same woman for 56 years. They had two very pleasant children and eventually had six lovely grandchildren. Kricht and his wife were mentally and physically stable. Both died in 1866 of old age. There are no existing examples of his work.

Reviewed in Woodworking magazine, the book was highly recommended to those in the cabinetmaking profession. It sold 600 copies. There were no sales of paperback, movie, television, cable, or Library for the Blind rights. It did win the "1985 Literary Golden Bookcase Award" from the Hungarian-American Cabinetmakers, Carpenters, and Locksmiths Guild.

Robbins has returned to writing trashy novels, happy that he's "gotten this story out of my system."

Washburn is bankrupt.



Merv Gittle Cleveland, Ohio

In 1983, things at Shea Stadium were in bad shape. The New York Mets were once again in last place in the National League pennant race, their manager had retired, the big-money players weren't working out, and, most important, people weren't coming to the ballpark. Gittle owned all the concessions at Shea. He had a big decision to make. He was offered another franchise, but he had to sell his rights at Shea first. The other franchise had a team that looked promising. They owned one of the best hitters in the majors, as well as a former 20-game winner, and they had just completed a trade that made them look like a money machine. So Merv Gittle sold out at Shea and moved west to the home of his new team, the Cleveland Indians.



Frank Cantor Burbank, California

Slightly to the north of Hollywood is Burbank, another mecca for movie moguls and, most important, the home of Cantor, the man responsible for Animal Shack, Pee-wee Rain, and Vacation Busters. Cantor, the president of Amalgamated Studios, put the company's entire bankroll on the line for a blockbuster that would outgross E.T. Star Wars, and Gone With the Wind. It was called The Queen and I, to be directed by Orson Welles and co-starring Yul Brynner and Rock Hudson.

The film was half finished when it was canceled.



Ireene de Villeneuve

Paris, Texas

Ireene, the world's most famous designer of ladies' undergarments, saw a movie a few years back that changed her fabled life. In the picture was a delightful young starlet. Ireene felt that this starlet had the look, the appeal, and the charisma to sell her product. She paid millions for the rights to her name and then sat back. All that had to happen was for the lovely girl's chest to fill out to the full ripeness needed for the sale of Molly Ringwald bras.



Warren Van Slyck San Antonio, Texas

Van Slyck is what is known in the real estate trade as a "wildcatter." He invests in buildings and property in areas he thinks will be in big demand. He buys low and sells high. He made a great fortune doing this in Beverly Hills, Houston, and New York in recent years. This past year, looking for new worlds to conquer, Van Slyck plunked down 100 million hard American dollars to purchase 2,000 acres in downtown Mexico City.



Laughton Lampley San Francisco, California

Lampley made a fortune by investing in motels. He had interests in more than 500 Holiday Inns, Quality Court Motels, and others all over the world. Then a close friend came up with an interesting new idea, and Lampley sold all of his motel holdings and became the nation's Bathhouse King.



William Goldfinger New York, New York

For 40 years, Goldfinger made a fortune in New York's bustling garment industry; then he brought out a new line, investing his entire bankroll on what he felt would be the most important innovation in world fashion since women's slacks: "The Arab Look." Goldfinger personally designed an entire wardrobe built around the burnoose—the long-flowing, loose-fitting Arab robe. His only sales have been to Bloomingdale's in New York and the May Company in Los Angeles. Both stores have been boycotted by the Hadassah, picketed by the Hebrew Foundling Home, and bombed by the Jewish Defense League.



Real Loser of the Year Award: The most unfortunate of the misfortunate.

Herm Wheelright Ithaca, New York

Executive vice president of the Ronald Pump Company, Wheelright, a former third-string running back at Iona College, convinced his boss, Ronald Pump, that he should spend \$20 million on a USFL football franchise and then pay another 5 million to a 5-foot 2-inch quarterback from Iona who had led all the little-league colleges in lateral passes.

Wheelright is not with us any longer. Rumor is that he's actually cemented into the cornerstone of Pump Palace, that fabulous new luxury apartment house in the heart of the East Village on Ninth Street and Second Avenue in New York. The quarterback, still under a personal service contract to Pump, is the doorman at that building. He can be seen there in the late evenings, sometimes talking football with the cornerstone.

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America ... shining beacon of hope and opportunity ... where any perseverant lad, however poor, however ill-educated, can devote his life and energy to making that "better mousetrap"...and end up just as broke and miserable as any other ignorant pauper with a hopeless dream. For every "Pet Rocks" and "Trivial Pursuit," there are a million stories of abject failure that even SBA loans couldn't save. Here are a mere 17 of the disastrous inventions that make up the bottom of the iceberg of the by Will Jacobs and Gerard Jones American dream....



Jogger's Car-Towing Belt. Knowing how novice joggers tend to overextend themselves and wish they could drive home after they run a mile or two, a paraplegic physical therapist designed this belt to let you bring your car with you: just put it in neutral, hook up the belt, and pull away.



Canned Eggs. Intended for those who love eggs but can't keep all those different ways of cooking them straight, this line featured vacuum-sealed eggs fried, scrambled, poached, deviled, and soft-boiled. "Eat 'em hot or straight from the can," urged superchef Benedict Florentine.



Stupid Pursuit. A trivia game meant to "settle the eggheads' hash." The object was to answer every question wrong; while any moron could thus win, brainier players were expected to betray themselves by being unable to resist showing off what they knew.



Toilet Tray. From the inventor of the Toilet Tub came this specially designed tray intended to save the dedicated businessperson a few minutes every morning. Complete with custom attachment to fit most toilets in the U.S.A., the Toilet Tray enabled one to eat a nutritious breakfast and take a shit at the same time.



Pet Cakes. Hoping to set off a craze comparable to that created by Pet Rocks, Hans Fritz flooded the market with his invention, German chocolate cakes with smiling faces. A group of outraged mothers. however, objected that many children would succumb to temptation and eat the cakes, thereafter harboring the horrible guilt of having consumed a favorite pet. The pet cakes were quickly taken off the market and flown to Ethiopia, since, it was reasoned, starving children can ill afford guilt feelings.



Water Shoes. "Like a water bed for your feet," read the ads. These water-filled plastic sacks were orthopedically designed to fit your own personal feet. They looked ugly and they were hell to get around in.



Motorized Exercycle. For those who love to work out at the spa but just get so tired of pumping away futilely, an amateur physical therapist added a powerful Harley-Davidson engine to turn the pedals of the exercise bike. The test cyclist lost the use of both legs on the first run.



Dental X-ray Phone. This one took X rays of your teeth while you yakked on the phone. Only two families bought it, however, and their teenagers died of cancer.

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Rebus Classics. Translation of the world's classics into picture puzzles inspired by TV's Concentration. After libraries banned the edition of Moby Dick because of the cover picture, the series was discontinued.



Powdered Water. "Just add water," promised the inventor, "and you get a tall, cool, refreshing glass of water." This was followed by Water-Mate ("Make your water rich and creamy!"), Water-Color ("Brighten up your water-drinking time!"), One-Calorie Water ("Just as much sugar added as in Pepsi Light!"), and Coke-Free Coke ("No sugar, caffeine, no nothing!").



Shoe Umbrellas. These were real nifty if you liked to stand in the rain, and they did keep your shoes dry. But those who liked to walk in the rain kept tripping over them, suffering numerous accidents.



Vegetable Bars. These were merchandised by an irate mother who couldn't get her children to eat their vegetables. The line included Broccoli Joy, Spinach Duds, Three Carroteers, Beet Hunk, Caulifinger, Tootsie Sprouts, and Milky Brussels Sprouts.



Chicken Juicer. All you had to do was throw a whole goddamn chicken into this thing and watch it make chicken juice. Even though it was a lot of fun to watch, it never got off the ground.



G.Q. Joe. The Citizens Action Committee for Pro-Social Children got a government loan to market a poseable-action doll for little boys that could be dressed up, not as a soldier, but as an authentic yuppie. An entire line of miniature Pierre Cardin suits, coffee grinders, battery-operated BMWs, and tiny vials of non-toxic white powder followed. Little boys reacted as any redblooded American kid ought to, and the committee lost \$3 million of the taxpayers' money.



Sex Rings used lights and colors to announce the wearer's sexual preference, degree of horniness, and whatever he happened to be in the mood for at the moment. Buyers soon found the throbbing lights spelling out "BJ" and "69" embarrassing.



Toilet Tub. A special suction device at the bottom of the tub let you shit and shower at the same time. The Toilet Tub did not go



Lost Masterpieces. After writing 112 magnificent, deeply moving, touching, exuberant, scintillating, two-fisted, brilliant, shattering, and profoundly literate novels that were mercilessly rejected by every blind, shortsighted, ignorant editor in the English-speaking world, authors Will. Jacobs and Gerard Jones now subsist pitifully by selling the funniest pieces ever written for a paltry word rate to the National Lampoon.

Rupert, Rupert, Rupert, Rupert, and Rupert Murdoch: The Untold Story

by Ned Ward

Introduction

sk the man in the street if he's at all concerned about Australian press baron Rupert Murdoch's buying up more and more American newspapers, magazines, movie studios, and TV stations and he'll probably shrug his shoulders and keep on picking his nose. But the man in the street doesn't know that Rupert Murdoch is not going to limit his future acquisitions to media properties, that he's got designs on everything from our heavy industry to our 7-Elevens, and that he's determined to put an Australian in the White House. Furthermore, the man in the street doesn't know that there's not just one Rupert Murdoch, as everybody thinks, but five, who are all brothers, who all look exactly alike, and who, if everything goes according to their master plan, will own this entire country and everything in it by the year

As the power of the Murdoch quintuplets grows, the truth about their secret empire becomes harder and harder to get out. Why, for example, have *Time*, *Newsweek*, and the *New York Times* refused to run this story? Have the quints added these illustrious publications to their stable? And what about the lack of coverage on the seven o'clock news? Do the quintuplets already control the three major television networks?

Whatever the reason, the major news media have conspired to kill this story, and we at the *National Lampoon* have been forced to step into the breach. It has been left to us to present the facts about *all five* Rupert Murdochs and their insidious plot to buy up and take control of the United States of America.

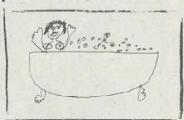
n June 10, 1931, Lady Elisabeth Murdoch gave birth to identical male quintuplets. Her husband, Sir Keith Murdoch, in a characteristic display of absentmindedness, named all five infants Rupert. Years of confusion followed as parents, nurses, and relatives struggled in vain for a way to tell the boys apart. In fact, for the first five years of their lives the Ruperts couldn't tell themselves apart either. During this time a strong intuitive bond developed between the quints which allowed them to interface with each other—to take meetings, as it were—on

a psychic level without having to be together bodily. Such an ability was to prove invaluable in their adult years.

The brothers' first publishing effort was the *Daily Murdoch*, a tabloid which chronicled everyday life in the household. The headline of the very first issue bears the Ruperts' unmistakable stamp: MUM FOUND NAKED IN BATHUB.

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WANKERS WEEKLY

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Charles Cowpar, a first-form student at Wankers, was severely jostled yesterday while walking to the cafeteria during recess. "I was on my way to get a container of milk when suddenly I noticed two of the older boys beside me, and as they walked past, the one on the left brushed up against my arm." So said young Cowpar after he had regained his composure. This being the third such incident this week, editorin-chief Rupert Murdoch has called for more policemen in the vicinity of the cafeteria during peak recess hours.

PROFESSOR HOPKIN:

"I HAVE LIVED BEFORE"

Professor Andrew Hopkin, instructor of mathematics at Wankers for 42 years, disclosed in an exclusive interview with correspondent Rupert Murdoch that he believes in reincarnation. "Indeed, I have lived many lives," said the professor. "I have been a molluck, a spiny anteater, and even

"Play Rupert's Super Giveaway" a Frenchman." The professor, who retired this past spring, wished us to announce that he will be giving a lecture next Tuesday on the number "3" in his rooms at the King George Insane Asylum.

HEADMASTER KIDNAPPED BY UFOS

The Weekly learned today that Ileadmaster John Dingle, who has been absent from his office for two consecutive days, has, in fact, been kidnapped by beings from outer space. Confirmation of this startling event has been difficult to obtain because every time Weekly editor-in-chief Rupert Murdoch calls the Dingle home, a woman claiming to be the headmaster's wife says he's in bed with a head cold. According to Murdoch this is not the voice of the real Mrs. Dingle but that of an alien being doing a Mrs. Dingle impersonation. The real Mrs. Dingle impersonation. The real Mrs. Dingle, we are sad to announce, has been taken along with her husband. "It is a well-known fact that aliens like to abduct couples and will do so whenever possible," said one expert. "This is so they can breed them when they get home and use them for plant food."

STRANGLED BY HER OWN BOOK STRAP

Lynne Davis barely escaped with her life after a light-blue book strap snapped out of her hands and flew toward her neck. "I was trying to stretch the strap 'round my books when suddenly

"Say hello to Miss Political Science."

it snapped out of my hands and headed directly for my throat." As it turns out the deadly book strap landed harmlessly on the floor."I consider myself a very lucky girl, " Miss Davis declared to reporters before she left for school.

Winning Super Giveaway Numbers Inside

n 1939 Sir Keith sent his sons to the prestigious Wankers School for Boys, breeding ground of many of Australia's captains of industry. Within a week of their arrival at Wankers, all five Ruperts were made cub reporters on the school newspaper. A week after that they had seized the paper from their fellow classmates. Ex-Wankers Weekly editor-in-chief Sir Cecil Tipps recalls the circumstances of the takeover: "It was late Friday afternoon and I was getting ready to send an issue to the printer when Rupert Murdoch came in and told me that my dog Jinx had just died and that Headmaster Dingle wanted to see me straightaway. As I left with tears in my eyes, another Rupert Murdoch came over and began patting me on the back and told me not to worry, that he'd take

care of the paper for me. After seeing the headmaster and learning that the whole business of Jinx's dying was a hoax, I returned to the *Weekly*'s office. There I found all five of them—the Ruperts—gathered around the composition table rewriting my headlines for the next edition. When I demanded to know what was going on, one Rupert looked up and said, 'Eat shit from a rusty bowl, Cecil. You're out and we're in.'"

One would expect the sibling rivalry between five identical quintuplets who were all named Rupert to be enormous—and so it was. From conjugating Latin verbs to blowing bean farts, their competitiveness was unceasing. To what, then, can we attribute their unanimous decision to give up their individual identities and create the illusion of there being only one Rupert Murdoch in the world?

The year is 1952 and the brothers have just returned from four years at the Robin Leach School of Journalism. They are unsure about how to pursue their goal of becoming ruthless media barons who will one day own the entire United States of America. They are standing in one of the family's many chicken coops with their father discussing the problem. Suddenly Sir Keith bends down and scoops up something off the floor. "Do any of you know what I've got in my hands?" he asks. "Aye, Father," answers Rupert. "You've got five little pieces of chicken shit." "That's right, Rupert my boy. Five little pieces of chicken shit

which are good for absolutely nothing in this world. But now watch." Sir Keith begins to mold and work the chicken shit with his hands. "Now what do you see?" he asks again. "The five individual pieces of chicken shit have become a great big lump of chicken shit, Father," says another Rupert. "So they have, Rupert my lad. Now watch further." With that he hurls the ball of chicken shit in the direction of Lady Murdoch, who is strolling in the garden taking the morning air. It smacks her on the side of the neck and sends her sprawling to the ground. "Do you think any of those blasted itty-bitty pieces of chicken shit could have done that?" Sir Keith demands, looking searchingly into each one of his Ruperts' faces. "You five Ruperts are like those five little pieces of chicken shit. Separately you can accomplish nothing. But packed together into one unit, into one...identity, there is nothing beyond your grasp." The brothers look at one another and smile. From that day on, they vow, they will go forth together as one great big ball of shit.

Sir Keith's plan was put into effect immediately. Rupert and Rupert stayed in Australia, setting up offices in Sydney and Melbourne, while Rupert, Rupert, and Rupert went to England to begin operations there. Coordination between the five Ruperts was essential, for in order for the world to think there was only one Rupert, only one could appear in public at a time. Each Rupert began working a five-hour "public" shift, after which time one of his identical-looking brothers would take his place. This arrangement insured that there would always be a fresh and alert Rupert on the scene, one who would have the energy to get the jump on the competition and run them into the ground. The arrangement also allowed them to engage in five times more lying, cheating, conniving, and backstabbing than any single Rupert would be capable of. The plan was an instant success. "Rupert Murdoch" began rampaging the communications industries of Britain and Australia; twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year, they were wheeling and dealing, buying and selling, making mincemeat out of any who dared stand in their way. Within a relatively short time "Rupert Murdoch" had established a power base from which to launch an attack on America.

The Rupert Murdoch quintuplets built their empire through the acquisition of highly respected yet financially troubled publications. Immediately upon taking control of a particular property they'd run it so far downscale you'd need a miner's hat to walk through its office. Those close to the Ruperts, however, report that four of the Ruperts were taken aback when, in an attempt to



break a newswriters' strike, a fifth Rupert fired the entire editorial staff of the *Aborigine Express* and replaced them with kangaroos.

Every newly acquired Robert Murdoch publication made money for the Ruperts, though in many cases the circulation and advertising revenue would plummet. How was this possible? The "Rupert's Super Giveaway" contest was a virtual staple of every Murdoch publication. Millions of dollars in cash were literally given away daily by the brothers' various papers. Who was getting all this money? The following list of names representing a random sampling of "Rupert's Super Giveaway Winners" strongly suggests the contests were not always on the up-and-up.

"Rupert's Super Giveaway Winners"

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In early July of 1976 the five Ruperts traveled to Washington, D.C., and rendezvoused at the home of syndicated columnist and TV personality Miss Rona Barrett. The discovery of five forged British passports bearing the names of Rupert Doe, Rupert Smith, Rupert Jones, Rupert Q. Public, and Rupert Rupert led investigators to believe the brothers had entered the country under assumed names. Obviously, only an extremely important deal would have gotten the Ruperts to run such a risk. The deal, we have since learned, was to buy the United States of America.

It wasn't hard for the Ruperts to get to Miss Barrett. She had made it known she was bored dishing the dirt in Tinseltown and had moved to D.C. in the hope of getting into government service. Her price for throwing in with the quints was to be appointed to a cabinet post in whatever government would be running the country after they took it over.

As America's foremost gossip columnist Miss Barrett had created an information-gathering network— YENTA—that surpassed the abilities of the FBI and the CIA combined. She was a powerful woman who had dirt on everybody. The Ruperts were prepared to offer her the vice presidency for her services. They felt they were getting off cheap.

Just as they had in Britain and Australia, each Rupert Murdoch began working a "public" five-hour shift, thereby creating the illusion that there was only one Rupert Murdoch. So while many Americans were none too happy with the idea of Rupert Murdoch's coming to their country and turning their favorite newspapers and magazines into ass wipe, the reality of what was going on was five times worse.

"Acquiring Centers" were set up in the northern, southern, eastern, and western parts of the country. Four of the Ruperts then proceeded to buy their way toward the middle, where a fifth Rupert was stationed and coordinating their efforts.

Suddenly Rupert Murdoch was everywhere. In New York Rupert Murdoch was buying out banking houses and investment firms, while in Los Angeles Rupert Murdoch was acquiring miles of prime beachfront property. There were Texas lawyers who swore they signed TURY-FOX. Nine hours later the evening papers proclaimed: RUPERT MURDOCH TO BUY METROMEDIA TV.

Aaron Spelling, creator of The Love Boat, was made chief of production at the studio. After a series of strategy meetings with Rupert Murdoch, Spelling announced that work on a number of new projects was about to begin. Among them were Spitball!, a story of how a giant spitball from outer space unleashes a reign of terror upon a small Midwestern community; Fur Ball!, a sci-fi thriller about a harmless fur ball thrown up by a cat that gets contaminated with radiation, becomes gigantic, and then unleashes a reign of terror upon a small Midwestern community; and Golf Ball!, a chiller about how a golf ball is sliced into a toxic-waste dump and becomes mutated into a ravaging creature and then proceeds to unleash a reign of terror upon a small Midwestern community. Spelling also announced that he hoped to have these movies in the theaters by Christmas '86.

In keeping with television's more con-



oil-lease agreements with Rupert Murdoch at the same time Wisconsin dairy farmers claimed they were granting Rupert Murdoch exclusive rights to their milk cows.

Emboldened by their success, the Ruperts began to act with greater and greater recklessness. Their deal to buy the *Chicago Sun-Times* almost fell through when the publisher's secretary buzzed him one morning and announced, "Sir, I have Rupert Murdoch on lines one, two, three, four, and five!"

While oil fields, investment firms, and pasteurized cheese all served to strengthen the Ruperts' stranglehold on the U.S. economy, the Ruperts knew their most important acquisitions were yet to come. They realized that Hollywood was the key to establishing their dominion over the nation. Owning a major motion picture studio and a handful of strategically placed TV stations would allow them to smear their philosophy across the entire American landscape, to coat the whole country with their political, ethical, and religious values. You see, the Ruperts want more than just our banking firms and milk cows-they want our minds.

On May 5, 1985, morning papers across the country carried the headline RUPERT MURDOCH TO BUY 20th CEN- servative nature, the Ruperts have plans to supply their stations with more family-oriented fare. Miniseries are projected which celebrate the lives of famous Americans. *Meese!*, for instance, which features Sylvester Stallone as the attorney general, will be aired later this year. Contemporary social issues will be explored as well in *Rose Anne: Portrait of a Two-Headed Unwed Mother,* and *Peacemonger!*, the story of a misguided Catholic priest who goes to help the victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua.

In addition to using movies and TV to propagate the Murdoch world view, the Ruperts targeted specific individuals as well. Having been granted access by Miss Barrett to the extensive files of YENTA, they dug up damaging information and then used it to blackmail some of the most prominent names in business, politics, and the arts. Including:

Sam Shepard. After refusing for two weeks to take their calls, Sam Shepard mysteriously agreed to play the title role in the Rupert Murdoch/Aaron Spelling production of Botha!, with Pearl Bailey as Winnie Mandela. Shepard took the part when Rupert Murdoch threatened to print the fact that in addition to being a playwright, poet, and actor, America's favorite rugged individualist was a licensed beautician.

Jane Fonda. After Rupert Murdoch promised to buy her husband a seat in the United States Senate, Hollywood's top actress agreed to star in *The Jane* Fonda Wet T-Shirt and Topless Go-Go Workout Tapes, directed by Russ Meyer and distributed by a Murdoch video subsidiary.

Bob Woodward. Under threat of having his long-standing homosexual love affair with Dick Cavett disclosed, Watergate journalist Bob Woodward agreed to write a highly laudatory and sanitized biography of "Rupert Murdoch."

Lee Iacocca. If the automobile manufacturer did not agree to use his influence to get him sweetheart deals and huge tax abatements, Rupert Murdoch threatened to produce 11,617 female assembly-line workers who would swear to their having been forced to grant Mr. Iacocca their sexual favors during the past year.

Tip O'Neill. In a clandestine meeting in Washington, Rupert Murdoch discussed with the Speaker of the House the possibility of passing legislation that would allow five identical quintuplets who were born in Australia, but who have since become naturalized U.S. citizens, to run for president of the United States—as a single candidate. And assuming such legislation could be passed, would the Speaker have any problems with running the quintuplets as the Democratic presidential candidate in 1988? In return for his cooperation Rupert Murdoch would not make public a videotape of Mr. O'Neill dressed in a sexy French maid's uniform serving tea to Tipper Gore and three members of Mötley Crüe.

Now we see the prize the Rupert Murdoch brothers were after from the very beginning-the White House. But they don't want just to control it, to give some flunky orders from behind the scenes. They want to live in it. They want to be president, all of them-at the same time! Sure, it sounds stupid, but not any more stupid than the headlines we read in the newspapers or the movies and TV shows their production companies will start spitting out. And pretty soon it will all come together in one great big glop. Murdoch reality: the Bee Gees anchor the seven o'clock news and lead with a story on two-headed unwedded mothers. Edwin Meese will quit being attorney general and host Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous; Sly Stallone will be nominated to take his place. Judge Wapner will be appointed to the Supreme Court and America will become one gigantic freak show. And what difference is it going to make then whether we have a senile ex-movie actor named Ronald Reagan as ringmaster or a set of identical quintuplets from Australia named Rupert Murdoch?

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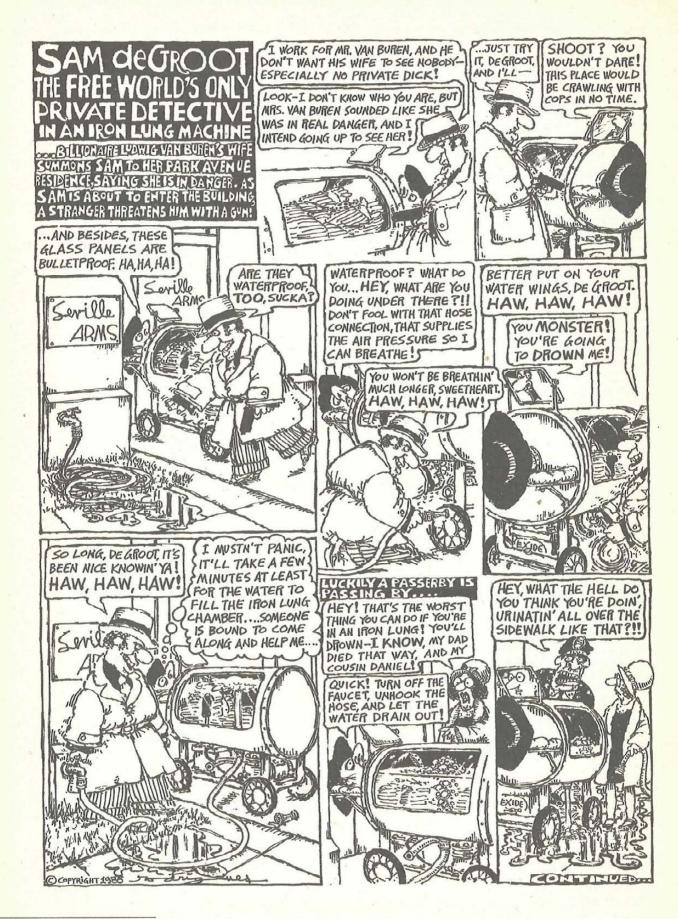
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A Reminiscence by Ron Barrett

Martin Izing? Dates unknown? Sure, I knew him. He used to hang around the Du-Rite Cleaners in the East Village, banging out stuff for their posters on a little portable in the back. "In by nine, out by five," that was the first thing he ever did. Then came "Fresh as a flower," and "It's spring, hoo-ray"—youthful works, kind of rough around the



edges, but raw and vital.

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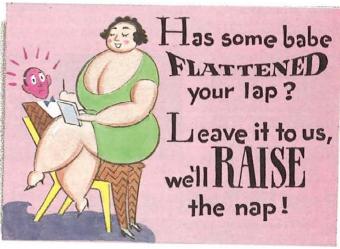


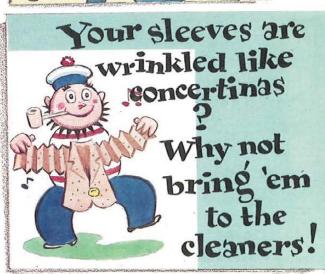
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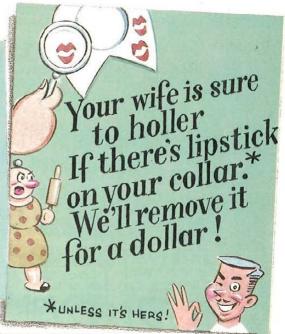


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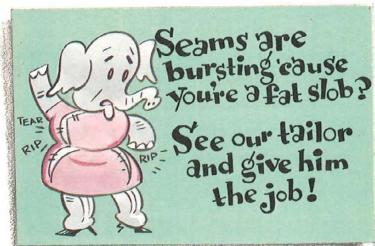


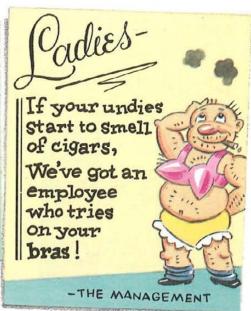


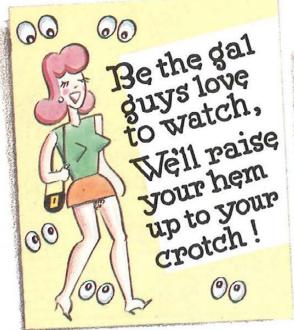




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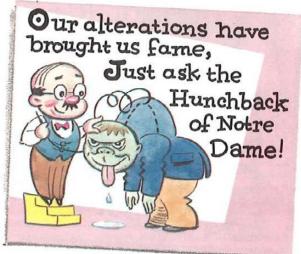












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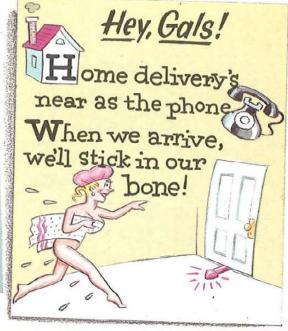
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Tax the Poor: The Trickle-Down Theory of Economics

As Propounded by Professor Irwin Corey Assisted by Annie Sprinkle

hen I first devised the "Tax the Poor" economic policy, back in those days, it was all right, because the poor then had a little more money than they have now. And if we had implemented my policy then we would have saved the country from this dilemma. We would never have had a three-trillion-dollar deficit and \$190 billion interest on that. No, we wouldn't have had that. What we should have done, we should have taken the necessary funds at that time. Because twenty-five years ago the poor people, some

of them were making \$2,000 a year. So, how much we could have gotten from themright away! That's the catch. Today the poor ain't got nothing, so what the hell are you going to tax? Therefore today, while the poor ain't got as much, I propose to increase the number of poor people so that the revenues we collect from them will amount to something. Otherwise we won't have enough money to launch a new War on Poverty, which this time we can win if we foreclose. You see, in the sixties President



Johnson gave us the original War on Poverty (legislation was passed to appropriate one billion dollars to fight poverty). And the poor people then didn't have the what-with-all to fight back with. But we lost that war for lack of funds, and now there are thirty-five million people in poverty in the United States alone. Now, this has led to a divisiveness that has practically split the country apart, more in general, I think, than specifically, in this particular case. Of course there are many ways in which the country can be brought back together. It can be done theoretically, which is the easy way, or it can be done practically. This is the part that interests those who might be involved in it. The first thing that we have to do is look concretely at what we look like to the rest of the universe and to the rest of the world. What we can do in order to bring the country closer together is-get rid of Montana, get rid of North and South Dakota, get rid of Utah and Alabama and Mississippi, and we push the country closer together and our long-distance phone bills will

come down. And since the farmers are all broke we don't need that land. We can get food from California to New York at a greatly reduced transportation cost. But most important, on the political level, this move will bring us further away from the Enemies Without and bring us that much closer to the Enemy Within. Hence the expression "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

We have a country of 240 million people. Now, if we can just get the majority of the people, say about 220 million, to say, "No, no, we ain't got no more money for taxes." Just say, "We can't do it." Let the kids go out and do it. I mean, since the new child labor laws went into effect, these kids have got about ninety years of rest. Let the children go out and do it. Let the children of those who have it go out and give more to it. And those that ain't got, don't have to. But I think it is better to receive than to give. It is a philosophy that I have had for many years. I mean, if you want to give, give. But you finally get tired of giving. You say, "To

hell with it, I've given enough." But you never get tired of receiving. And that's why I say, "Don't carn more than you can spend, but spend more than you earn and die in debt." Now, if you owe a lot of money you're going to live long. The people you owe it to are going to make sure you live long. Let's say you die at seventyfive, and you owe \$300,000. If you amortized that loan at \$30,000 a year it would take you eighteen years to pay it off. So you actually live to be ninety-three, be-



cause you're living on money you would have earned if you had lived that long. So to reach this plateau of affluence, my suggestion is to do as our country, which owes three trillion dollars, does: borrow. Borrow. Start with your friends. Borrow from your friends, and when they ain't got any more money, make new friends. But keep borrowing. That's what makes countries strong. That's what can make individuals even stronger.

It has been said in Isaiah, and in Jerimeyer 3, that Hezekeyah went to Jeri and said, "Jeri, have you heard any word from the

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Lord?" and Jeri said, "By the way, I just did." "And what did He say?" "He said, 'From him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away." And that was the basis. "If he be not obedient, burden your slave with more fetters and be satisfied with your wages that ye shall inherit the meek when thou doth seek other avenues of revenue." That's all he wanted to say. If He had said anything else it would only have been superfluous, verbose, redundant, and have had a deeper significance because of the repetition of the Simple Truth. And the Simple Truth will last longer than a Simple Lie, but the Simple



Lie will do more damage than the Truth will do over the same period of time. And the only reason for existing is so that we can lie ourselves into Reality and into the Four Pleasures of the Great Soothsayer Maharamda Babaganoush, and even Marie Osmond we find also on the side of those who are downtrodden. And Rajneesh, who is out in Oregon, is nothing more than a component part of every instrument and every device and outlet of His being. That's all He is. No more, no

less. And the economic repercussions of Rajneesh, of religion in general, seem to have a relation to an economic philosophy which has been grasped and made into a succint policy.

The original theory was Isaiah's. It came from Ezekiel from the wheel within the wheel. Where it proved conclusively that the rich can get richer, and the poor get poorer. But I say that the rich cannot get richer unless the poor get poorer. And so the theory is, the government should step in and get it from the poor before the rich get it. It's a program called "Tax the Poor." I ran on that ticket in 1960. I lost, but I have never wavered from the program. Now Reagan has come up with the idea of tax reform. He says that if you earn \$100,000 a year, you should pay \$200 in taxes. Well, that's right. But those who make only \$10,000 a year have to pay \$3,000 a year in taxes. That's what he meant by the "sliding scale." That's the "trickle-down" theory in which everyone gets at least a little more and they go further on down and therefore contribute more and it gives them a feeling of loyalty, a feeling of strength, a feeling of giving to a country that's defending them so that their homes will be secure in case of attack. They'll feel secure in the fact that their home is so small that even if it does blow up it won't cost much more money to put it back, since they will be insured against the possibility that if X number of countries do attack us it is based on the percentage of how many. For example, if a country attacks us, you divide that country into the total number of countries that could have attacked if they had had the proclivity or the inclination to do so. Then you have the base number. For instance, when Grenada attacked us, that cost \$4,000 per cubic feet, and the Grenadians will have to pay until they have brought back that which we have destroyed. It is the amount of interest which is due to those who have given financially to the cause of that instrument. We only want what's ours. That's why the percentage on the return is greater than the minimum advance and less speculative because of the glamour stock that it does have. It does not necessarily mean that it will bring about unity. No, the Unity of Opposites is based on the fact that you've got to give up what you took in order to get more of what you might need. That's the only way you can do it. That's like "If we don't change our direction soon we run the risk of ending up exactly where we're heading." And this is a course we cannot take even if it is at breakneck speed. I mean, it's purely speculative on my part, it may take another direction.

The military budget is the only thing that will save our country. The United States and the Soviet Union build the same arsenals of defense, the same number of ships and planes and tanks and missiles and helicopters, but we have it over the Russians. Because we have \$9,000 hammers, \$800 toilet seats, \$12,000 Allen wrenches, \$300 toasters, and \$600 ashtrays. Now we need these ashtrays and toasters to throw at the Russians while they are defending against bullets, bombs, and missiles. And ashtrays don't get picked up on radar as easily as big planes or missiles. And if they come over here! Well, let's face it, they ain't coming over here, and even if they did, where would they park, and with the alternate-side-of-the-street parking (especially in New York) we will impound their cars and charge them seventy-five dollars to get the damn thing back (a Strategic Towing Initiative).

This does not negate, however, the fact that there are in the United States 15,000,000 people out of work (I use the term "out of work" because "unemployed," though it has more letters, is only one word). Now, my suggestion to alleviate this problem is to kill 15,000,000 people that already have work. That will save us all those pensions, and the people who were previously unemployed, or out of work, will work for less than those we've neutralized, because they've been out of work for so long they'll probably work for nothing. Now, these 15,000,000 people we've got to neutralize cannot be murdered. That's not American. But we can do it in a subtle way. Sell them cigarettes, give them happy hours right near the highway, there are a lot of things we could do. The future of the possibilities that do exist in that orbit can only be ascertained with deep scrutiny. To assess the importance of the accalations which is simply a stipulation, or

stipends given to those who feel the priorities in relation to the "safety in numbers" can only be caused, or become an implement rather than the desire itself.

Now the trickledown theory is nothing more than a misdenomer to aquate the possibilities whereby we with constructive criticism bring about the advantage which that implication implies. Does it mean that we correlate the negative aspect of the positive information which is given? No! It merely reoccurs rather than



vanishes. And therefore, with that in mind, we can only calculate the possibilities of a reoccurrence and therefore devalue the priorities in relation to the necessities and to those who feel that only after due consideration could the process be implied. Now it seems that this might be the direct cause of the devaluation of the dollar on the international market. No! There are two causes. There is the direct cause, which, like a catalyst, hastens a chain reaction but remains the same in a condition prior to its inception, and there is the indirect cause, which, also like a catalyst, remains the same while hastening a chain reaction

which can only reassure that the continuation of the commodity-economy, with the aspects of influx and overflux, with the advent of sometimes going up and sometimes going down. It only creates the independent indication which proves that the stock market will fluctuate. Sometimes it will fluck up, sometimes it will fluck down, and when that happens, just fluck out. This does not seem to be a disadvantage to the flucker—no, it is an instrument whereby those who are flucked can fluck off. That's the only reason that it's there. It's a contingence on Chapter 11. Unfortunately, this has no implications for the national debt. The national debt is not an implication, it is a reality based on our forefathers' insight when they gave us the Declaration of Independence. They said then that we had the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life was just a thing that was given by God.

So, here we are in the sair fity ... in the fair city of New York, where the economic situation blightens the eye and the object poisons sight, where the most reactionary elements have risen up in rebellion to put down the most progressive forces of the majority of the minorities. Now, this is the determining part. That if we can, with a certain clarity, bring in the force of that energy, to create that oasis whereby we can accept the responsibilities. This is the most important aspect of the continuity which can be maintained only after the survival of the predication upon which the denomination for the separation of the segregated areas to bring about just before the monsoon season, where clarity and understanding within the areas of focus and in a point whereby we can with impunity become a great nation within a small area, rather than be spread out where we would become indefensible against an onslaught of practically five to one. Then tax reform would affect it by making it a duty and an honor and a privilege to contribute. This is only possible after due consideration of the process of law.

The worldwide economic crisis in which we find ourselves now is not the result of a planned philosophy that created this hypothesis. No. The real reason for the erosion and the corrod-



ing and almost the destruction of the force is that there are outside implements, which proves that what is inside is not necessarily desirable on the outside. We find that the economy can be bolstered; we have found out that China, a country far away that we are not even interested in, is now making atomic bombs. It costs the United States something like \$400,000,000 to make a bomb. The Chinese are making them for \$200,000,000. Isn't it better for us to buy the bombs that the Chinese make for

half the amount that we have to pay? This is one thing that will save our economy, by buying these bombs cheaper than we can make them. In fact, we can buy so many that they won't have any left. And we'll be the only country that'll have them. And if we're the only ones that have them, we can use them anytime we want.

Rather than give an example which can show conclusively, we must understand the necessary components of which our economic society seems to generate progress. The illusion is that those who seem to have more of what they get and to those who lose less of what they need can only find the correlation in the equation $E = mc^2$. E = employment, m = most, and, you see, a square is those people who live in the hinterlands and don't know what they're doing with their own contribution.

Economics without money is like having a mouth without teeth. It may seem to be deep only because it has the simplicity of something which is profound. But outside of that, anybody could have said it.

So now our economic problems are solved, because the present administration has done its job. And the only way that



the economic policy of which we are now on the road to recovering through is that the Crisis will only come after the Recession. And a Recession is always before a Recovery, and after Recovery we have another Crisis. And this keeps us going, from Crisis to Recession, to Depression, on to Recovery! Then we go right into another Crisis, and into the Recession, and then into Depression. You see, if we can eliminate Recovery we can go directly from Depression right into a Crisis without going through Recovery. That takes up so much time. And Time is Money. We make the circle shorter and get to a Crisis right away, because only after a Crisis is over do we know whether there will be survival or whether there is no more hope....And once there is no more hope we can't fight another war. We need Hope. How else would people in the rest of the world know that we have the happiest Army, just laughing themselves into this crucial period. So that is why I say a Crisis is important. It is the only thing that gives us Hope. And Hope is what's necessary in a Crisis if we're ever to get out of this Hopeless Mess.



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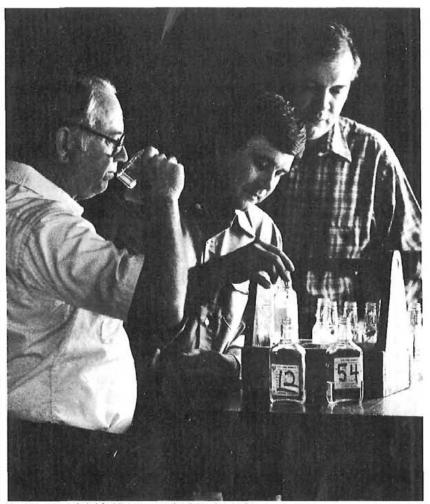
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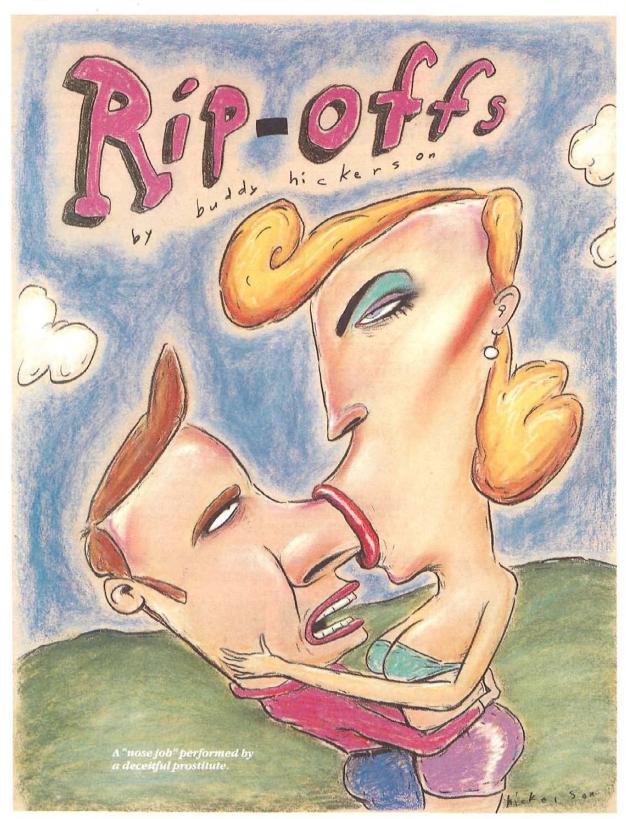
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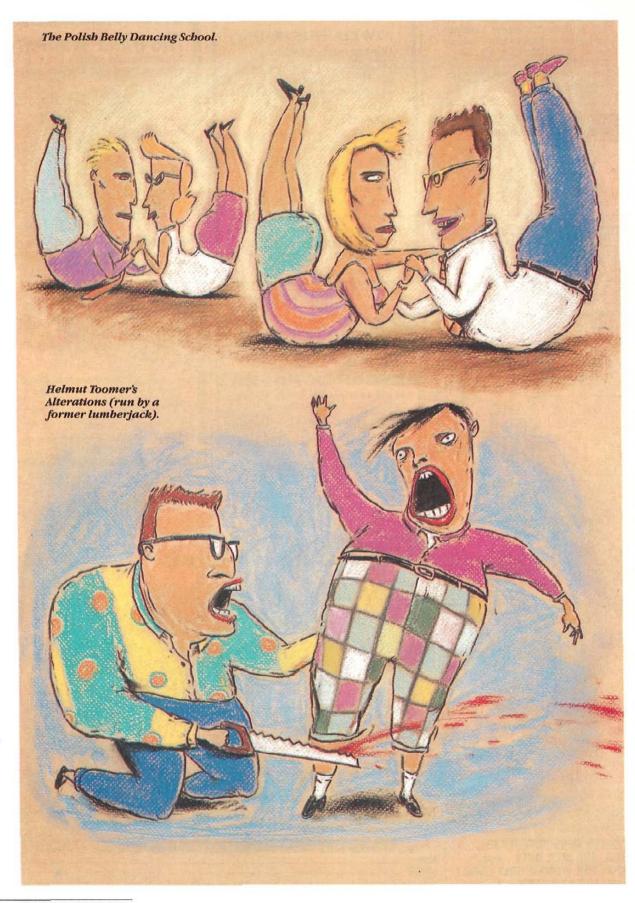
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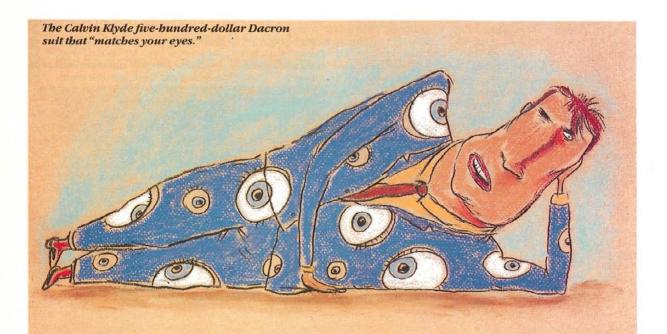


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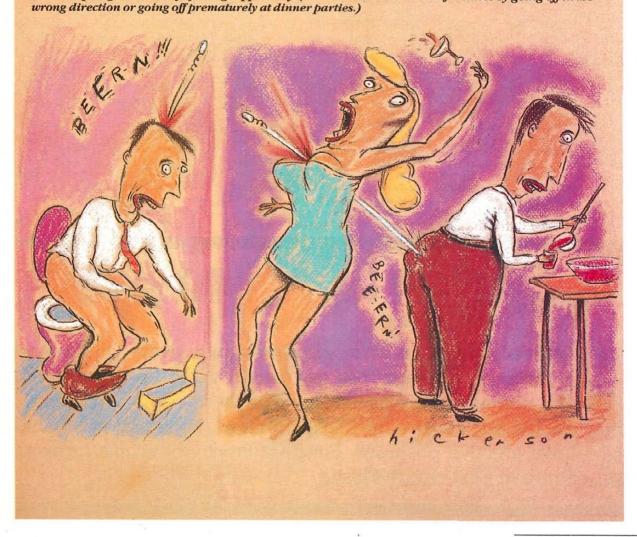
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Ramco's spring-loaded, self-ejecting suppository. (This has caused countless fatalities by going off in the wrong direction or going off prematurely at dinner parties.)



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his own image and to see giant floats of himself in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!!! Seventy-six Trump Clones in the Big Parade!!! But neither dream will ever come to life! The Don is big and bland and corpulent, handsome in a homely sort of way: if he wants to build Manhattan in his own image he's already off to a bad start, since Trump Tower looks more like Sammy Davis, Jr.: shiny, black, glitzy, easy to see through, and in the wrong neighborhood!!! And if Donald Trump floats appeared in the Thanksgiving Day Parade, you wouldn't be able to tell them from Bullwinkle.

But he's content to be the Baroque Broker all the same!! He supposedly gives away millions to charities every year, such a nice gesture that everyone forgets that he recently won a four-year fight with City Hall and got out of paying more than fifty million tax dollars on Trump Tower!!! Trump is the Majestic Lord of Gentrification, which means, in short, that he tosses all of the poor proles out on their asses to make way for billion-dollar buildings that house the likes of Botticellino and Amazoni!!! Tacky, Gaudy, Glitzy, and Bawdy!!! Ah, progress!!

Ask the tenants at 100 Central Park South. Helluva piece of property! The Don bought this building so that he could gut it and turn it into one of the most expensive apartment buildings in New York (which is to say, of course, one of the most expensive buildings in the world!!!) The only problem is, the people who already live there don't want to move!!! They have the nerve to get in Trump's way, and come up with incredibly mealymouthed excuses for not leaving, like how they're poor and won't be able to get apartments in Manhattan for anything near the price that they're paying (you wouldn't be saying these things if you had the Right Stock, you

dumb lowlifes...) and on and on, whimpering crybabies, many of whom think that just because they've been living in the building for twenty years, and have rent-controlled leases, and are old and poor, it means anything!!!

Donald hired a management company to run the building...or run the building down, so that they'd get sick of living there. Tenants, anyone? They started neglecting building services, let the place get dirty...made it clear that Mr. T. wants everybody the hell outa there—Christ almighty, there are buildings to build!!!

But nobody cares!!! It's our Donald!!!
Attaboy, Donnnald!!! Show them poor people!!! A recent poll taken on the Upper East Side showed that half the residents thought that Donald Trump had the right to force the poor people out, and the other half thought that he should have shot them as well!

While all that was happening, Trump Tower went up right in the heart of town, with pink marble interiors and doormen dressed in bright red uniforms like so many clowns at the circus, and next Donald is saying that he wants to build the highest building in Manhattan! And he's dropping hints that he wants to get involved in communications. At this rate, it won't be long till we have the New York Donald Trump Times!!! Till then, of course, there are several other hobbies to keep a guy like Donald off the street. Gorgeous George Steinbrenner has his Yankees, Al Davis has his Raiders ...John DeLorean once even had a piece of the San Diego Chargers...cut the Trump in on this deal!!!

Okay, so what if everybody with gray stuff between his ears knows that the United States Football League is going to fall flat on its rump, Trump—but hey, it's only money, and keeping that in mind, the Don buys the New Jersey Generals

and hires a dwarf named Flutie to put it all together!!! What publicity!!! If you don't read about Trump on the front page, you'll catch him in the business section or certainly real estate-Buying & Selling and Stealing & Bribing all through the newspaper...and if you don't catch him on any of those, you'll find him in the sports section—with his Heisman midget!!! Trump Trumps Flutie!!! Flutie Trumps Trump!!! And the great part is: everybody knows that a genuine genius like Donald Trump is going to see his way out of this thing, and if the league fails, they're going to find room for his Generals in the National Football League. And if they don't, fuck them if they can't take a joke: he'll take his midget and his doormen and start a circus!!!

And if that doesn't work, he'll open a museum on Wall Street: a huge gold and marble tabernacle in homage to those in his financial image: Nelson Hunt, the silver-buying elephant, and John DeLorean, who was unsafe at any speed!! And we could throw in T. Boone Pickens, the Killer Driller from Texas who rapes oil companies, and Ted Turner, who buys giant corporations with their own money, which is clever, you must admit. And there will be statues and red carpeting and plaques that read, "Hear us when we lift our heart for portfolios that come apart..." In short, all the fixings for a glittery homage to the heroes of America's next generation...where envious poor people can walk in and gaze for hours at the statues and say, "Now, goddamn it, there's a man I want to be like...because he...ultimately...had the incredible, debt-defying, ever-loving, buck-breaking Right Stock!!!" And they live On Golden Bonds!!! You can't end the story on a borrible pun like that!!! (Why not?) #@!!()*#&@!&*!@+!@!!!!!...

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They're everywhere. In every city and town, every village and hamlet. Millions of them. You can hardly walk down the street anymore without bumping into one of them. They own stores, they run big businesses, they have opinions, and some even hold high-level elective positions. Find out more about this growing subculture in next month's issue... All About Women.

